

# **THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE**

***The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter / Diversity Sunday***

***May 5, 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.

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**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, at the station nearest to where you are seated. Gluten free wafers are available at all stations: 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**

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*The order of service is found at page 67 in the Book of Common Prayer*

Presider: The Venerable Alastair McCollum

# 10:00 am Parish Eucharist

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

**Presider:** The Venerable Alastair McCollum

**Verger:** Chuck Neilson

**Deacon:** The Reverend Patrick Sibley

**Audio:** Doug Adderley

**Sermon:** The Venerable Alastair McCollum

**Music:** The Community Choir

**Readers:** Karen Coverett, Judith Branion

**Intercessor:** Peggy Wilmot

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## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN** (CP 215)

AVE VIRGO VIRGINUM (GAUDEAMUS PARITER)

### GATHERING

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May God's grace and peace be with you.

**All: May our hearts be filled with joy.**

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.**

### PRAYERS OF PENITENCE AND FORGIVENESS

*The Presider may introduce the prayers.*

*The priest reminds us of God's healing and forgiveness.*

**GLORIA** (paraphrased CP 365)

### CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER

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

*The Presider invites all to pray.*

*Silence is kept.*

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God, who raises the dead to life.

**All: Amen.**

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## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST READING

Acts 9:1-20

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

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### THE EPISTLE

Revelation 5:11-14

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### GRADUAL HYMN (NEH 113)

SAVANNAH

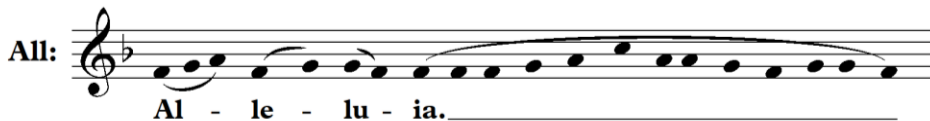
### THE GOSPEL

John 21:1-19

*Before the Gospel*



*Deacon: Open to us the scriptures Lord Christ : make our hearts burn within us.*



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

THE IONA CREED

**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 Worship Book

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### THE PEACE

*Please stand. The Presider may introduce the peace.*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All:** And also with you.

*All may offer their neighbour a sign of peace.*

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## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### OFFERTORY HYMN (CP 60)

LAND OF REST

### 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.

# THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Liturgy of the Islands, Prayer A

*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.

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

*All:* Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of Pow - er and might, Heav'n and  
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

*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

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day didst make thy triumph over death and sin, And having harrowed hell, didst bring away captivity thence captive, us to win.

This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin, and grant that we for whom thou diddest die, Being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin, may live forever in felicity:

And that thy love we weighing worthily, may likewise love thee for the same again; And for thy sake, that all like dear didst buty, with love may one another entertain.

So let us love, dear Love, like as we ought; love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

Text: Edmund Spenser. Music: Wm. H. Harris (1883-1973)

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## THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

### PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Life-giving God,

**All: 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. Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.



## 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! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN (CP 211)

VULPIUS

## VOLUNTARY

Theodore Dubois: *Grand Choeur*

*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.*

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## 7:30 pm Choral Evensong

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

**Officiant:** The Reverend Patrick Sibley

**Music:** The Choristers of St John the Divine; The Sutton Organ Scholar; The MacRae Choral Scholars

**Setting of the Canticles:** Stanford in B flat

**Lectionary:** Church of England, 2<sup>nd</sup> Service

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An **INTROIT** *may be sung by the choir*

## RESPONSES *(Please stand)*

*Cantor:* O Lord, open thou our lips

*Choir:* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise

*Cantor:* O God, make speed to save us.

*Choir:* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Cantor:* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost

*Choir:* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.

*Cantor:* Praise ye the Lord;

*Choir:* The Lord's name be praised.

**PSALM** (*Please sit; stand for the final Gloria Patri*)

Psalm 86

**FIRST LESSON** (*Please sit*)

**MAGNIFICAT** (*Please stand – sung by the choir*)

MY soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and the meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel; As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. (Luke 1.46-55)

**SECOND LESSON** (*Please sit*)

**NUNC DIMITTIS** (*Please stand – sung by the choir*)

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou has prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. (Luke 2.29-32)

**APOSTLES' CREED** (*Please stand – recited by all*)

**I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

*Cantor:* The Lord be with you;

*Choir:* And with thy spirit.

*Cantor:* Let us pray.

**PRAYERS** *(Please kneel or sit)*

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All:** **Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.**

*Cantor:* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

*Choir:* And grant us thy salvation.

*Cantor:* O Lord, save the Queen;

*Choir:* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

*Cantor:* Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

*Choir:* And make thy chosen people joyful.

*Cantor:* O Lord, save thy people;

*Choir:* And bless thine inheritance.

*Cantor:* Give peace in our time, O Lord;

*Choir:* Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.  
(OR And evermore mightily defend us.)

*Cantor:* O God, make clean our hearts within us;

*Choir:* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY**

O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

**THE SECOND COLLECT FOR PEACE.**

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

**THE THIRD COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS.**

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

**THE ANTHEM** *(Please sit – sung by the choir)*

**PRAYERS** *(Please kneel or sit)*

**BLESSING** *(Please stand)*

**VOLUNTARY**

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**READINGS FOR MAY 12 – THE 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**Acts 9:36-43** Peter continues the work of Jesus, and of Old Testament prophets, in raising a woman from death. **Psalms 23** This most well known and loved psalm has been committed to memory by many Christians. **Revelation 7:9-17** As we did last Sunday, we read of a grand heavenly vision, now including a vast multitude of martyred saints standing before the throne and the Lamb. **John 10:22-30** Jesus is challenged to acknowledge his role publicly; he chooses, instead, to teach a lesson about belief.

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**FLOWERS**

**Main**

Given to the Glory of God, and with thanksgiving for the life and service of Blanche Gates on the occasion of her 101<sup>st</sup> birthday. Much loved mother and mother-in-law, from Andrew and Lorraine.

Given in loving, grateful and joyful memory of Cheryl Jane Hanson. We miss you, from Mark Hanson and Daryl Hardin.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S**

**Today**

11:45 am Sunday Reflections Denson Lounge

**Monday 6**

2:00 pm Book Study Chapel

4:00 pm Living Presence Meditation Chapel

4:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting Denson Lounge

**Tuesday 7**

10:00 am Food Bank Crypt

2:30 pm Stewardship Committee Meeting Denson Lounge

**Wednesday 8**

7:45 am Holy Communion followed by Breakfast Chapel/Denson Lounge

9:30 am Sermon Circle Denson Lounge

12 Noon Pastoral Care Team Meeting Denson Lounge

1:30 pm Art & Soul Group Crypt

**Thursday 9**

12:10 pm Meditative Eucharist Church

**Friday 10**

10:00 am Food Bank Crypt

6:00 pm Guess Who's Coming to Dinner Various Locations

**Saturday 11**

2:30 pm Kaleidoscope of Colour: Organ Music and Song Church

**Sunday 12**

8:00 am Holy Communion Chapel

10:00 am Parish Eucharist Church

11:45 am Sunday Reflections Denson Lounge

**EVENTS**

**Art Exhibit: My Soul Is Escaped** – now through May 11

Christ Church Cathedral (Chapel of the New Jerusalem)

Patricia Vickers is an artist with Tsimshian, Heiltsuk, Haida and British ancestry. My Soul is Escaped is an account of her healing from dissociative amnesia. Vickers underwent a three-month period of neurofeedback to recover memory and heal from her childhood trauma. She learned to restore her spiritual balance and retrieve her soul, expressing her journey in a series of paintings. Opening reception: Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm. Artist's talk on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Diviners' Walk – Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> – meeting time is 5:30 pm** (we wait 10 minutes only for latecomers): **Lochside Trestle** – Meet at parking lot on Lochside Trail just behind the Monkey Tree Pub – north of McKenzie, on Borden, the left on Lochside Drive. **Pub:** Monkey Tree Pub, 4025 Borden Street, 250-727-3550.

Please contact Larry Scyner if you plan to come for dinner but not the walk.



Save Fri., May 10<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:wendysuddaby@hotmail.com) for details.

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### **Community of Learning Module 2 – Living Discipleship**

The Community of Learning is an opportunity to learn together in a new way. It is about formation with others by bringing your experience and knowledge about the Christian faith and deepening it together. Each module is facilitated by people living a life of faith with successes and challenges, just like you.

**Saturday, May 11 9:00 am – 3:30 pm - St. Luke's, Cedar Hill**

The facilitator for this module is Bishop Logan.

In this module you will learn:

- the biblical basis for our contemporary understanding of discipleship
- the rule of life we are using to inform the Season of Discipleship
- More about what discipleship looks like for you as part of the body of Christ

Lunch and snacks provided.

This is a free event sponsored by the diocesan Lay Leadership and Training Vision Implementation Team.

### **The Royal Canadian College of Organists: Victoria Centre members and friends present the 'Kaleidoscope of Colour' program at St. John the Divine on Sat., May 11<sup>th</sup> from 2:30-3:45 pm.**

This entertaining program includes – David Stratkauskas, Rosemary Laing, Jennifer Mitchell, the James Bay Children's Chorus and past Hart Scholarship recipients John Evans and Robert Dukarm. Admission is by donation (\$10 suggested) and the proceeds will go toward the Hart Scholarship Fund which through an application process, financially supports learning and developing organ skills. Tax receipts are available for donations of \$20 and over.



## Victoria Baroque Mozart for May

Friday May 17<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm at St. John's

*Exquisite chamber works, including Mozart's legendary horn quintet.*

**Mozart:** Horn Quintet; Flute Quartet in C;

Divertimento for strings in D M. **Haydn:** Divertimento in G

**Performers:** Andrew Clark, horn; Soile Stratkauskas, flute;  
Christi Meyers, violin; Paul Luchkow, violin & viola;  
Mieka Michaux, viola; Caroline Nicolas, cello

**Tickets:** \$28 / \$25 senior / \$5 student & child - Available at coffee hour,  
Royal McPherson Box Office, Ivy's Bookshop, Munro's Books, Long & McQuade (Victoria),  
and at the door

Info: 250-590-9770; [victoria-baroque@shaw.ca](mailto:victoria-baroque@shaw.ca); [victoria-baroque.com](http://victoria-baroque.com)

Oak Bay United Church is very excited to be hosting Ivan Coyote as they present "**Somewhere over the rainbow sticker**", an evening for faith communities seeking to support and advocate for the LGBTQ+ community. On Tues., May 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, join Ivan Coyote, storyteller and author of 12 books, and a 27 year veteran of the road and the stage, in a heartfelt and memorable performance written to move us beyond simply putting up a rainbow sticker on the door, and giving us the tools and language to work towards building authentically inclusive and safe(r) spaces that truly welcome queer and trans people into our congregations. Tickets on sale only at the OBUC office (cash/cheque, Tues-Fri 9am-3pm). We expect this event to sell out, so don't miss out! For a mature audience, 13 years and up recommended. \$20/ \$15 students.

**BC-Yukon KAIROS 'FORESTS FOREVER' four day/three night bus TOUR (June 11-14)** will take us to forests and communities throughout southern Vancouver Island, with experts to guide us all along the way, and community conversations to deepen our understanding. Right relations within our watersheds. Contact Janet Gray [thegrays@shaw.ca](mailto:thegrays@shaw.ca) for more information or on facebook RJB's Forests Forever Tour.

## Announcements

**A Prayer Group** prays through the week; to request confidential prayers for yourself or others contact Pat Manning at: [patriciacmanning@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:carolann.zenger@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca).

**Thank you to everyone who attended and/or helped with the April 28 celebration of our Order of Canada recipients:** To the Rector's fund, for financing the cake, to Michael Zenger for delivering it, to Ann McLaren, Christine Scott and Virginia Miller for kitchen duties, to Chuck Neilson, Joel Hefty and Stephen Conarro for furniture moving, to Betty Miller for door duties, to David Stratkauskas and the purple choir for the musical gift, and most of all to Judy Tethong, Ted Hughes (and the ailing Helen) and Kit Pearson for bringing their talents to St. John the Divine. The leftover cake went to Anawim House. *Anne Moon*

### **The Blue Envelope for May is for the Taiama Project in Sierra Leone.**

This development project was organized in Victoria by a group of supporters who had spent time in the village of Taiama, then helped to bring refugees Eric Sama and his family members from there. Now they raise funds to benefit the local school, women's projects, and Health Care Centre. The Maternal Health Program is currently their major focus, in a country where the mortality rate for mothers and infants is one of the highest in the world.

The Taiama Project Report is posted on the church bulletin boards, and available online at [www.taiama.org](http://www.taiama.org)

Eric Sama was a parishioner at St. John's for some time. He still travels to Taiama annually, carrying much needed medical supplies for the clinic.

For further information, call Ann McLaren.

**"Let Justice Roll!"** - Don't miss the Spring Newsletter published by St. John's Social Justice and Action Group (SJAG) which is now available. The main theme in this our sixth issue is Economic Justice. We also feature a profile about former St. John's member and Nobel Peace Prize laureate Dr. Elinor Powell. You can pick up your free copy of "Let Justice Roll!" on the tables at the front and back entrances to the sanctuary, and at coffee hour.



### **Out of the Rain News:**

Our heartfelt thanks for your generous support for our Out of the Rain kids over the winter! With the help of our 34 volunteers we were able to provide a warm space for sleeping, along with a hot supper and breakfast for 27 Monday nights. An average of 15 kids stayed with us each night. You also donated warm clothing, extra food and money through the Blue Envelope to help pay for Staff salaries. Beacon Community Services, our lead agency, also rented our Crypt on Sunday and Tuesday nights, so in total we hosted 1215 “stays” over the rainy season!

The kids are ever so grateful for a safe place to stay where they can sleep in peace with a full tummy. We will reopen in October. With thanks, *Gerry, Pauline & Karyn*

### **Secretary needed**

Parish Council is in need of someone to volunteer to be our secretary/clerk. Computer and email skills needed.

The job entails attending Parish Council meetings each month (3<sup>rd</sup> Tues of the month, 7:00 - 9:00 pm) and taking minutes. There is a template to follow. Sending out the draft minutes after the meeting. After the minutes are approved at the next meeting, sending the approved minutes to be posted.

This is an essential job. We need to have a record of the work of Parish Council so the congregation knows what is happening, and so we can go back to determine what decisions were made in the past.

Please consider giving of you time and talent. If you have questions, need more information or would like to volunteer, please talk to a Warden - Graeme Brown, Joan Huzar, Karen Coverett or Chris Eve.



# SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey



“I think... if it is true that there are as many minds as there are heads,  
then there are as many kinds of love as there are hearts.”

— *Leo Tolstoy, Anna Karenina*

“If we cannot end now our differences, at least we can help make the world safe for diversity. For, in the final analysis, our most basic common link is that we all inhabit this small planet. We all breathe the same air. We all cherish our children's future. And we are all mortal.

*[Commencement Address at American University, June 10 1963]* — *John F. Kennedy*

## Untitled

Dear Empire, I am confused each time I wake inside you.

You invent addictions.

Are you a high-end graveyard or a child?

I see your children dragging their brains along.

Why not a god who loves water and dancing  
instead of mirrors that recite your pretty features only?

You wear a different face to each atrocity.

You are un-unified and tangled.

Are you just gluttony?

Are you civilization's slow grenade?

I am confused each time I'm swallowed by your doors.

*Jesús Castillo*

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