

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The 4th Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2019

As people of God, we celebrate Christ in the heart of Victoria through joyful worship,
building inclusive community, and putting faith into action.

We are an open and affirming church.

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, 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

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

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

Presider: The Reverend Canon Kevin Arndt

Verger: Douwe Bosma

Deacon: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

Audio: Bob McIntosh

Sermon: The Venerable Alastair McCollum

Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine,

Readers: Kevin Farris, Judith Branion

The Sutton Organ Scholar,

Intercessor: Jamie Lawson

The MacRae Choral Scholars

The Mass Setting: *Missa S. Joannis de Deo*, J. Haydn (1732-1809)

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 WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

After the announcements, a short choral introit may be sung by the choir.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (CP 220)

ALL SAINTS

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

BAS

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,
**All: we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart,
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

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

All: Amen.

GLORIA (*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.*

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.

Eternal God,
from whose gentle hands
none can snatch us away:
give us faith to believe
that we are known and loved
with a passion strong enough
to bring the whole world back to you;
through Jesus Christ,
who is one with you, the Source of life.

All: Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Acts 9:36-43

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

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THE EPISTLE

Revelation 7:9-17

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (CP 242)

FESTIVAL CANTICLE

THE GOSPEL

John 10:22-30

Before the Gospel

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

Cantor or choir: My sheep hear my voice says the Lord : I know them and they follow me.

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

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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN (NEH 381)

EWING

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.

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

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
 Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
 Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
 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 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 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.

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.

BENEDICTUS AND AGNUS DEI *Sung by the choir*

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Osanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

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

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

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.*

MOTET *Sung by the choir*

Surrexit pastor bonus qui animam suam posuit pro ovibus suis, et pro grege suo mori dignatus est, alleluia.

The good shepherd is risen, who gave his life for his sheep, and was worthy to die for his flock. Alleluia.

Text: from the 2nd Matins Responsory for Easter Monday. Music: Orlando di Lasso (1532-1594)

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

PRAYER 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 BLESSING

DISMISSAL

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

VOLUNTARY

Toccata, Georgi Alexandrowitsch Mushel (1909-1989)

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 MAY 19 – THE 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 11:1-18 Peter, faced with dissension in the church, defends his decision to baptize Gentiles by recounting his vision received at Joppa.

Psalms 148 Everything created is to praise God for the gift of being created.

Revelation 21:1-6 The conclusion of John's revelation is a vision of community with God; all that would inhibit or diminish life has been defeated.

John 13:31-35 Nearing the end of his earthly life, Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment: "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

FLOWERS

Main

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of our daughter, Alice, from Patrick and Muriel.

Remembering William Haggerty with kind & loving thoughts, from Pat Samuel.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today

11:45 am Sunday Reflections Denson Lounge

Monday 13

1:30 pm The Divine Knitters Denson Lounge

2:00 pm Book Study Chapel

Tuesday 14

10:00 am Food Bank Crypt

2:00 pm ACW Meeting Denson Lounge

Wednesday 15

7:45 am Morning Prayer followed by Breakfast Chapel/Denson Lounge

9:30 am Sermon Circle Denson Lounge

1:30 pm Art & Soul Group Crypt

7:00 pm Reel Thought Movie Night – “Ameilie” Denson Lounge

Thursday 16

12:10 pm Meditative Eucharist Church

Friday 17

10:00 am Food Bank Crypt

7:30 pm Concert: The Victoria Baroque Players: “Mozart for May” Church

Sunday 19

8:00 am Holy Communion Chapel

10:00 am Parish Eucharist Church

11:45 am Sunday Reflections Denson Lounge

2:00 pm PFLAG Denson Lounge

EVENTS



Movie Club –

7:00 pm in the Denson Lounge

This Wednesday evening, **May 15th**, Reel Thought will present our regular screening for May in the Denson Lounge of St. John the Divine Anglican Church ([1611 Quadra Street](#)) at 7:00 pm:

Amélie (France/Germany, 2001, 122 mins.) <http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0211915/>

"Amélie tries to enrich the lives of those around her by weaving her special brand of mischievous magic. She befriends a neighbour who's a shut-in, plays pranks on another neighbour, steals a garden gnome and returns objects she collects to their rightful owners. She romantically daydreams in the café she works at, and marvels at life's ironies. One day she finds a small box containing a child's mementos and decides to set about finding its rightful owner ... will romance blossom for Amélie?" - Mike (IMDb)

We wanted something a little lighter for May to celebrate Spring and as a foil for our Lenten series. *Amélie* is a charming delight of a film featuring one of the most unique heroines imaginable, played to perfection by Audrey Tautou, with the bonus of an unforgettable soundtrack. Quirky doesn't begin to describe either the film's characters or its story. You will be hard-pressed to choose just one favourite memory.

A caution: There is a scene which takes place in an "adult" store.



Diviners' Walk – Friday, May 17th – meeting time is 5:30 pm (we wait 10 minutes only for latecomers): **Fernwood Walk** – Start at John & Jean Sylwester's home, 1408 Walnut Street, one block east of Fernwood, 1 block south of Bay. **Pub:** Fernwood Inn, 1302 Gladstone at Fernwood, 250-412-2001. Please contact Larry Scyner if you plan to come for dinner but not the walk.



Victoria Baroque Mozart for May

Friday May 17th 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; victoria-baroque.com

Silence, repetitive chants, prayers that bring reflection and pause in our busy days. Please join us at St. John the Divine Anglican Church for the **Prayer and Music in the Style of Taizé** service - Friday, May 24th - 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.

Coastline

Fiddling Across Canada Concert

Saturday, May 25

Dave Dunnet Community Theatre

(Oak Bay High School) 2121 Cadboro Bay Road

Doors open 7:00pm - Concert 7:30pm

Tickets available at Long and McQuade, Ivy's Bookshop or online at www.coastlinefiddle.com

\$20/\$15 students and VFS members

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 three of St. John's young people, Lauren & Dexter Hodgins and Camryn Nadeau, are members of **Coastline**? The group rehearses every Friday afternoon in the Denson Lounge. They invite you to their upcoming concert. Check it out!

Oak Bay United Church (1355 Mitchell Street) 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 28th 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.

Raven People Rising – The Nathan E. Stewart sank, but the Heiltsuk rose.

Tues. May 28th - UVIC First Peoples House

Doors open at 6:30 pm – film screening at 7:00 pm, discussion to follow.

Admission by donation in support of the Heiltsuk Nation legal challenge

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1229296907217709/>

Speakers: Lisa Fong, Lawyer for the Heiltsuk, and Maimie Harris, Heiltsuk Tribal Council



The Property Committee's **Annual Spring Clean-up Day** is scheduled for **Saturday, June 1st**, to begin at 8:30 am, coffee and donuts provided, as well as a light lunch at 12:30 pm. Help make our Church cleaner and brighter. All cleaning products are supplied. Lots of jobs available – both big and small. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the Garden Door.

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.

Volunteers Needed: Do you like to drink coffee after church and share fellowship with others? If so, you are not alone. Please consider joining the coffee roster to set-up, make coffee/tea and clean-up. The more teams of 2 we have the less often you will be on duty. If interested please speak with Carol-Ann in the church office.

Also, volunteers are needed to help put tables and chairs away each week after coffee hour. If you are able to stay and help with this it would be most appreciated.

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

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, please contact 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 (3rd 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 your 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

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Jean Vanier, the Canadian philosopher and theologian and the founder of L'Arche communities, died last week. Here are his “ten rules for life to become more human”.

## **1. Accept the reality of your body**

Vanier says, “For a man to become a man he has to be at ease with his body. That body is fragile, like all bodies. We are born in weakness (as a little child); we will die in weakness. And when we get to a certain age – ninety – we begin to get weaker.” He adds, “I have to accept that I’m ninety. I’m not fifty, or forty, or thirty.”

## **2. Talk about your emotions and difficulties**

He acknowledges that men in particular “have difficulty expressing their emotions.”

## **3. Don’t be afraid of not being successful**

Vanier adds, “you have to discover you are beautiful as you are” regardless of whether or not you are successful.

## **4. In a relationship, take the time to ask “How are you?”**

“Has he married his success in work, or has he married his wife? What is the most important? Is it to grow up the ladder in promotion?” asks Vanier.

## **5. Stop looking at your phone. Be present!**

To young people he says, “You are people of communication.” But then he asks, “Are you people of presence? Are you able to listen?” “To be human is to know how to relate,” he adds.

## **6. Ask people “What is your story?”**

Vanier emphasises the importance of relating to people and listening to them. He says, “To meet is to listen: Tell me your story? Tell me where your pain is? Tell me where your heart is? What are the things you desire?” He adds, “I need to listen to you because your story is different to my story.”

## **7. Be aware of your own story**

“You are precious. You have your ideas: political, religious, non-religious, you have your vision for the world. Your vision for yourself,” says Vanier. He acknowledges that when we fear our identities, worldviews, and cherished opinions are being taken away from us we are liable to become angry. He adds, “we have to discover where our fears are because that is the fundamental problem.” He asks, “Maybe in your story there is a story about fear?”

## **8. Stop prejudice: meet people**

Vanier says, “The big thing about being human is to meet people.” We need to “meet people who are different” and “discover that the other person is beautiful.”

## **9. Listen to your deepest desire and listen to it**

Vanier says, “We are very different from birds and dogs. Animals are very different.” He says that unlike with animals there is a “sort of cry of the infinite within us. We’re not satisfied with the finite.” He asks, “Where is your greatest desire?”

## **10. Remember that you'll die one day**

“I’m not the one who’s the king of the world and I’m certainly not God,” says Vanier. “I’m just somebody who was born ninety years ago and will die in a few years time and then everybody will have forgotten me. This is reality. We’re all here, but we are just local people, passengers in a journey. We get into the train, we get out of the train, the train goes on.”



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# THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

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