

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost

June 23, 2019

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

St. John's acknowledges these ancestral territories of the Lekwungen people.



Welcome to the Parish Church of St. John the Divine, Victoria. We are a community of faith in the Anglican Tradition, seeking to live lives of faith, hope and love as part of this community of Downtown Victoria. We are on a journey of learning to be a welcoming, inviting, inclusive and serving community which is open to all.

Our worship reflects our rootedness in the Anglican tradition, whilst drawing on liturgies that reflect the long history and heritage of our Christian faith. Please join in as you feel able, and enjoy the words, music and opportunity for prayer and to be a part of our community.

If our service seems unfamiliar, please follow the cues from our leaflet, the ministers leading the service and those around you. Most of our Sunday morning worship services have the Eucharist, or Holy Communion, at the heart of our worship – please feel free to join us, whatever your tradition, in the sharing of bread and wine. Gluten free wafers are available: Please indicate if you need one.

Within the Anglican Church of Canada (under the advice of the Primate and the Chief Medical Officer for Canada) we would ask that bread is not dipped into the wine, as this has the potential to spread infection in a way that the sharing of the cup does not. If you would prefer not to share the cup then receiving only bread is considered ‘full communion’ (also known as ‘Communion in One Kind’).

If there is anything that you wish to talk about, please do take the opportunity to talk to the worship leaders, ministers and other members of the congregation following the service. If you wish to receive prayer for yourself or for another, there will be members of our Healing Prayer group in the south Quadra entrance who would be happy to pray with you as the Holy Communion is shared.

After our service we usually share coffee and an opportunity to get to know one another, in the Church Hall – through the door on the front left hand side. We have many visitors and newcomers here so please make yourself known to folks as you feel comfortable.

You are very welcome here. We don’t always get it right; please let us know when we do, and when we don’t. Please stay and be a part of our family, for however long you would like.

8:00 am Holy Communion

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

Presider: The 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

Sermon: The Reverend Bill Tarter

Gospel: Chris Eve

Readers: Judith Branion, Margaret Walker

Intercessor: Jamie Lawson

Audio: Patrick Ryan

Verger: Chuck Neilson

Music: Members of the Choristers of St. John the Divine and the Sutton Organ Scholars; Sandra Fletcher, director and organist.

A Nursery for children aged 3 and under is available from 10 am until the start of the Eucharist.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

The children are invited to gather at the back of the church and join in the procession.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

A choral introit may be sung by the choir.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (CP 7)

MELCOMBE

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

All: And also with you.

CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER

After the prayer the children continue their worship in the Parish House.

Loving God,

All: you've called us to be your family and to celebrate our life together in worship.

We pray for all the members of our family, here and absent,

and especially for our young people now as they continue their worship.

Bless them, and each of us, in fun and learning, in friendship, and love. Amen.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE AND FORGIVENESS

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.

Book of Alternative Services

GLORIA



Priest: Glo - ry be to God on high

Choir: And on earth peace, good will towards all.



All: We praise you

Choir: We bless you.



All: We wor - ship you.

Choir: We glorify you.



All: We give thanks to you for your great glo - ry.

Choir: O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.



All: O Lord, the on-ly be-got-ten Son, Je - sus_ Christ.

Choir: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.



All: You take a way the sins of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.

Choir: You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.



All: You are seat - ed at the right hand of God the Fa - ther,



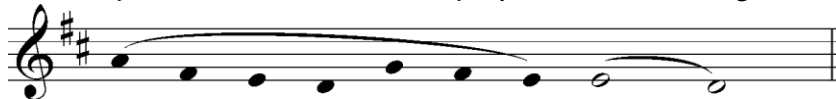
have mer - cy up - on us.

Choir: For you only are holy.



All: You on - ly___ are___ the___ Lord.

Choir: You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father.



All: A - - - men.____

Translation: Book of Common Prayer, modernised. Music: Missa viii, 'De Angelis'

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

Lord, you step upon our guarded shore and confront our chaos: May we who are divided and overwhelmed by the forces of death learn from you to speak our own name and proclaim your works of life; through Jesus Christ, the Son of the Most High God.

All: Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:1-15a

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

All: Thanks be to God.

As the deer longs for the water-brooks, so longs my soul for you, O God.
My soul is athirst for God, athirst for the living God; when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
My tears have been my food day and night, while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"
I pour out my soul when I think on these things: how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,
With the voice of praise and thanksgiving, among those who keep holy-day.
Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? and why are you so disquieted within me?
Put your trust in God; for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.
My soul is heavy within me; therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan, and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.
One deep calls to another in the noise of your cataracts; all your rapids and floods have gone over me.
The Lord grants his loving-kindness in the daytime; in the night season his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.
I will say to the God of my strength, "Why have you forgotten me? And why do I go so heavily while the enemy oppresses me?"
While my bones are being broken, my enemies mock me to my face;
All day long they mock me and say to me, "Where now is your God?"
Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul? And why are you so disquieted within me?
Put your trust in God; for I will yet give thanks to him, who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

THE EPISTLE

Galatians 3:23-29

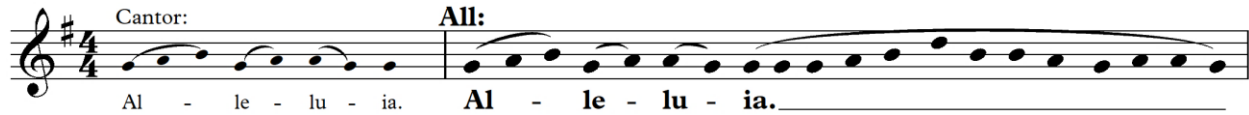
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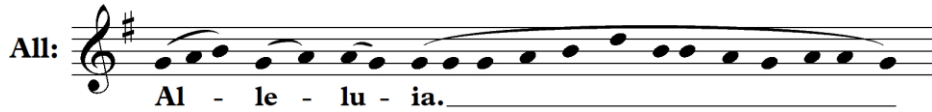
THE GOSPEL

Luke 8:26-39

Before the Gospel



Choir : Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit :
one God who was who is and who is to come the Almighty.



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.

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.

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 455)

REPTON

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Holy God, gracious and merciful,
you bring forth food from the earth

and nourish your whole creation.
 Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way,
 so that all may know your care;
 and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life,
 Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff has four measures with lyrics: 'The Lord be with you. And al-so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The second staff has two measures with lyrics: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The notation includes vocal lines for 'Priest:' and 'All:'.

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 your 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.

Prayer A, Liturgy of the Islands

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Ambrosian Chant

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread,
to share in the body of Christ.

**All: We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI

Senchur (CP 745)

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

All are invited to receive communion. Please follow the Greeters' instructions. Receiving bread or wine is considered full communion. It is the practice of the ACC not to dip the bread into the wine. Any not receiving communion are invited to receive a blessing, and to indicate that by holding their arms crossed on their chest.

If you are unable to come forward for communion please make this known to the Greeters and we will bring communion to you.

Gluten free wafers for communion are available. Please request them from the person who is distributing the bread.

Ministry of Healing

We invite those wishing prayer for themselves or on behalf of someone else to come to the front of the line to receive the bread and wine. Immediately after receiving, go to the prayer station in the south Quadra entrance. Briefly state your need. The prayer team will lay hands on your shoulders and will pray quietly for you.

ANTHEM DURING COMMUNION *(sung by the choir)*

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes;
Laudate eum, omnes populi.
Quoniam confirmata est
Super nos misericordia ejus,
Et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.
Gloria Patri et Filio
et Spiritui Sancto.
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc,
et semper.
Et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

*Praise the Lord, all nations;
Praise Him, all people.
For He has bestowed
His mercy upon us,
and the truth of the Lord endures forever.
Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen*

Text: Psalm 117

Music: W. A. Mozart (1756-1791).

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance,
with this bread of life and cup of salvation
you have united us with Christ,
making us one with all your people.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
so that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

All: 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!
All: Thanks be to God.

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 JUNE 30TH – THE 3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 Elijah comes to the end of his prophetic work, is taken up into heaven, and Elisha, his disciple, assumes his mantle.

Psalms 77:1-2, 11-20 In a painful and troubling situation the many acts of God's providence are remembered and faith is restored.

Galatians 5:1, 13-25 Paul writes that freedom is letting God's Spirit guide our lives.

Luke 9:51-62 With lessons about commitment, Jesus decides it is time to take his message to Jerusalem.

FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mom, always on my mind, forever in my heart, love, Chuck.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today

11:45 am Sunday Reflections Denson Lounge

Monday 24

1:30 pm The Divine Knitters Denson Lounge

Tuesday 25

10:00 am Food Bank Church Basement

Wednesday 26

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

9:30 am Sermon Circle Denson Lounge

Thursday 27

12:10 pm Meditative Eucharist Church

Saturday 29

1:00 pm Memorial Service for Dorothy Sullivan Church
Reception to follow in the hall.

Sunday 30

8:00 am Holy Communion Chapel

10:00 am Parish Eucharist Church

11:45 am Sunday Reflections Denson Lounge

6:00 pm Healing Eucharist Chapel

EVENTS



Diviners' Walk – Friday, June 28th – meeting time is 5:30 pm (we wait 10 minutes only for latecomers): **Thetis Lake Park**. Meet at main parking lot at end of Six Mile Road.

Pub: Six Mile Pub, 494 Old Island Highway, 250-478-3121.

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

Healing Ministry: Today, the focus of the sermon will be on healing. During the sermon a demonstration will be given of the healing ministry that takes place every Sunday during communion. After the Eucharist and in the Denson Lounge more information will be shared about this ministry within our parish.

Sunday Mornings with Children

On behalf of our young ones, Thank You! Thank You! Thank You! to Darlene, Mark and Madeleine who have been wise, caring, creative mentors during our Sunday morning children's ministry!

Next Sunday we will begin our summer season. During the summer we encourage young ones and their adults to experience worship! Don't worry about sounds and movement ... encourage curiosity and wonder! There will be some activities at the back table to keep little hands and minds busy during the service.

Pride Parade Decorating Party

The LGBTQ members of St. John the Divine invite the community to the 2019 Pride Parade, July 7th, marking 50 years since the Stonewall riots of 1969.

On Saturday, July 6th at 10 am, join the group decorating the truck and trailer at Duane and Murray's house at 1185 Highrock Place, Esquimalt. This year we have a wedding theme.



Sabina and Alastair's Wedding

We are all invited on Friday, July 19th at 3:30 pm and to the potluck reception to follow.

I asked Alastair what I should say if asked about gifts. Alastair's answer was, "Please, no need for gifts. We just hope everyone will come celebrate with us. If people felt they wanted to contribute for a honeymoon we would be very grateful. Sabina wants to go to India with me to meet her family."

If you would like to help with a non-tax receiptable donation, please make a cheque to "Anglican Church of St. John the Divine" with "Honeymoon Fund" in the memo line. Thanks for considering this.

Chris Eve, Rector's Warden

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 Special Blue Envelope for June is PEERS.

PEERS Victoria Resource Society is a non-profit society established by former sex workers and community supporters. It provides support, resources and programs for past and current sex workers of all genders, such as help with housing, education, and advocacy services etc.

Divine Pies

Thanks to all who bought pies last Sunday - we sold out. We are happy to make more, so we are looking for ingredients for pies from your gardens. Please contact Joan Huzar (joan.huzar@utoronto.ca) if you have excess fruit or berries we might turn into delicious pies.

Thank You: Pat and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the congregation of St. John the Divine for their prayers and kindness to Pat during her recent heart attack. She is making a good recovery. We feel blessed to have such a loving supportive church family. *Pat and John Jenkins*



The St. John the Divine, Art & Soul – 2019 Summer Arts Challenge

Calling all members of St. John's congregation and their friends. Share with us your summer creations. Children of all ages very welcome!

ALL YOUR OWN WORK!

Paintings, doodles, drawings, poems, paper, canvas, pastels, take-a-line-for-a-walk, prose, felt-tips, brush, pencils, fingers, straws, sticks, ink, mosaic, fabric, glass, original prints, sculptures, mixed media, collage ... etc.

The subject should be something spiritual, or relating to church activities, perhaps a bible story or something on which to meditate.

A few ideas to get you going:

Favourite hymn	Messy church	Icon	The Creation
Noah's Ark	Holy Spirit	Garden of Eden	Lilies of the field
Love	Burning bush	Paradise Lost	Rainbow

Submit your favourite piece of artwork(s) to Gillian Barlow or Susan McCabe by September 1st, 2019.

We will have a Summer Art & Soul presentation one Sunday in early Fall (date, and other details, to be announced later). **A PRIZE WILL BE GIVEN!**

The Ghebremeskel Family: In our attempt to ensure that the family of 10 are settled successfully after the sponsorship ends in the middle of July, Hagos, the father, is looking for new employment or extra part time employment that will ensure the family can afford the rent in particular. His English is good, he is eager to do and earn more, and he is resourceful. If anyone knows of full or part time employment opportunities please contact Bob St. Clair at bob.stclair@me.com

SOULSPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey



Always take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor never the tormented.

Elie Wiesel

Romanian-born American Jewish writer, professor, political activist,
Nobel Laureate and Holocaust survivor.

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

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