THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

June 30, 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. 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 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 Reverend Bill Tarter **Cospel:** Graeme Brown **Verger:** Chuck Neilson **Audio:** Joel Durkovic

Sermon: The Reverend Canon Kevin ArndtMusic: Choristers of St. John the DivineReaders: Judith Reid, Colleen LissamerMass Setting: Short Communion ServiceIntercessor: Karen Coverett(Phrygian), Charles Wood (1866-1926)

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

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT (A choral introit may be sung by the choir.)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (CP 10)

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

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.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE AND FORGIVENESS

Please repeat "Lord have mercy" or "Christ have mercy" after the priest.

GLORIA

Cantor:

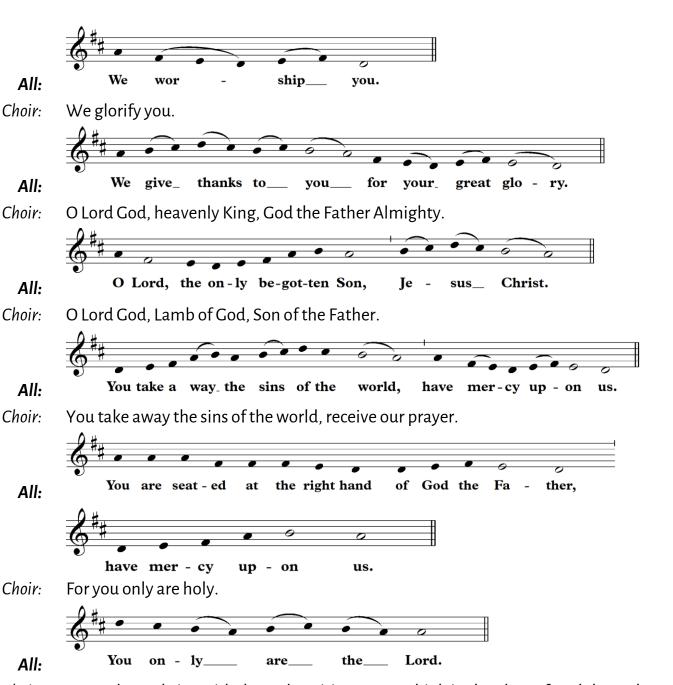
All:



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



Choir: We bless you.



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



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

All:

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

God, you set us free in Jesus Christ.
Grant that we may live gracefully in this freedom without selfishness or arrogance, becoming servants through love to the freedom of the gospel for the sake of your reign.

All: Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM (sung by the choir)

77:1-2, 11-20

I will cry aloud to God; I will cry aloud, and he will hear me.

In the day of my trouble I sought the Lord; my hands were stretched out by night and did not tire; I refused to be comforted.

I will remember the works of the Lord, and call to mind your wonders of old time.

I will meditate on all your acts and ponder your mighty deeds.

Your way, O God, is holy; who is so great a god as our God.

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You are the God who works wonders and have declared your power among the peoples.

By your strength you have redeemed your people, the children of Jacob and Joseph.

The waters saw you, O God; the waters saw you and trembled; the very depths were shaken.

The clouds poured out water; the skies thundered; your arrows flashed to and fro;

The sound of your thunder was in the whirlwind; your lightnings lit up the world; the earth trembled and shook.

Your way was in the sea, and your paths in the great waters, yet your footsteps were not seen.

You led your people like a flock by the hand of Moses and Aaron.

THE EPISTLE Galatians 5:1, 13-25

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

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL Luke 9:51-62

Before the Gospel



Cantor: Speak Lord, for your servant is listening: you have the words of eternal life.



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 60)

LAND OF REST

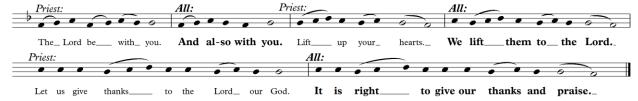
THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of all creation,
all you have made is good,
and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth
and fruit from the vine.
Nourish us with these gifts,
so that we might for the world
be signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



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

Choir: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:

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:

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2

Ambrosian Chant

The Lord's Prayer

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 (sung by the choir)

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. (twice) O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy 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)

Ave, verum corpus natum ex Maria Virgine: vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine: cuius latus perforatum unda fluxit sanguine: esto nobis praegustatum, in mortis examine. O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu, Fili Mariae.

Hail true body, born of the Virgin Mary: who truly suffered, and were sacrificed on the cross for humanity's sake: From whose side flowed water and blood: Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death. O sweet, merciful, Jesus, Son of Mary.

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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN (CP 565)

Cwm Rhondda

VOLUNTARY

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

Coffee and tea will be served in the Church Garden.

READINGS FOR JULY 7 – THE 4TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

2 Kings 5:1-14 The deceptively simple story of Elisha's healing of Naaman serves to reveal surprising agents and recipients of God's grace.

Psalm 30 God receives a joyful song in thanksgiving for healing.

Galatians 6:1-16 Paul stresses that our own interior attitude and openness to the invitation to love God and neighbour is what counts with God.

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20 Jesus instructs the seventy for their missionary journey. Upon their return he instructs them to rejoice not for the wonders accomplished but for being received and accepted by God.

FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Barry, from Barbara and Timothy.

Sunday Mornings with Children

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.



Office Hours 9am – 12 Noon Monday to Friday

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today

11:45 am Sunday Reflections Denson Lounge

6:00 pm Healing Eucharist Chapel

Monday, July 1

The office is closed for Canada Day.

Wednesday 3

7:45 am Holy Communion followed by Breakfast Chapel/Denson Lounge 9:30 am Sermon Circle Denson Lounge 7:30 pm Pride Eucharist Church

Thursday 4

12:10 pm Meditative Eucharist Church

Friday 5

10:00 am Food Bank Church Basement

Saturday 6

10:00 am Pride Parade Decorating Party Home of Murray and Duane

Sunday 7

8:00 am Holy Communion Chapel

9:30 am Parish Eucharist (please note change of time – this week only) Church

7:30 pm Pride Evensong Church

EVENTS



Diviners' Walk – **Friday, July 5**th – **meeting time is 5:30 pm** (we wait 10 minutes only for latecomers): **Fisherman's Wharf – Laurel Point – Museum – Beacon Hill Park – St. Ann's.** Meet at Fisherman's Wharf, St. Lawrence Street, James Bay. **Pub:** James Bay Inn, 270 Government Street, 250-384-7151 or Barb's Fish and Chips, Fisherman's Wharf. Please contact Larry Scyner if you plan to come for dinner but not the walk.

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. 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.

If you are planning to come to the reception please sign up on the sheet provided at the garden door. Be sure to mark down what you intend to bring (main or salad) and how many people will be attending.

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.



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 or bob.stclair@me.com

SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey

My body is the fruit of spirits' play. ~Vanna Bonta

"Have you ever noticed that the only people who go on about "homosexuality is a choice" are heterosexual Christians. This is quite revealing. Firstly they come to this conclusion because they already view same sex orientation as a sin and therefore, like their own sin, they can choose to sin or not. Secondly they lack understanding because they have never had to choose their orientation. It came naturally to them at puberty as orientation did to me.

Trying to explain orientation to these people is like trying to explain white male privilege to a white male. They have known nothing else and never experienced discrimination, inequality or harassment as a female or having black skin. It's like trying to explain the concept of water to a goldfish. And they are completely oblivious to the fact that every moment of every day they are acting on their heterosexual orientation. Gay people get it because we've lived it.....and you never hear gay people saying "I chose to be gay".

You do sometimes get gay people saying they chose to be straight because they are now married but on deeper examination you realise they are actually "situational heterosexuals" as their orientation has not changed; just some behaviours."

— Anthony Venn-Brown,

A Life of Unlearning - a preacher's struggle with his homosexuality, church and faith



THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

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