

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The 9th Sunday After Pentecost

August 11, 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 lands of the Lekwungen speaking people.

We affirm that God's Love is for all people and all God's people are welcome here.

We especially welcome all members of the LGBTQ2S+ community and their allies.



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 Garden. 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

Preacher: Matthew Cook

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

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

A Nursery for children aged 0 to 3 is available from 10 am until the start of the Eucharist.

Presider: The Reverend Bill Tarter

Deacon: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

Sermon: Matthew Cook

Readers: Karen Coverett, Colleen Lissamer

Intercessor: Jamie Lawson

Vergers: Chuck Neilson

Audio: Patrick Ryan

Music: Esther-Ruth Teel, organist

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (CP300)

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

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

BAS

The Presider may introduce the prayers.

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.

The Presider reminds us of God's healing and forgiveness.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

Father,
by faith Abraham set out from his home
to seek the land of your promise.
May we, like him, look for the city
that none but you can design and build.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24

The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken;
he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
God reveals himself in glory.

Our God will come and will not keep silence;
before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

He calls the heavens and the earth from above
to witness the judgement of his people.

“Gather before me my loyal followers,
those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”

Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause;
for God himself is judge.

Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
“O Israel, I will bear witness against you; for I am God, your God.

I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;
your offerings are always before me.

Consider this well, you who forget God,
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.

Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honours me;
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God.”

THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (CP476)

CAUSA DIVINA

THE GOSPEL

Luke 12:32-40

Before the Gospel

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

Please sit, stand or kneel as is your custom.

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 (CP385)

WAS LEBET

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness
you have blessed us with these gifts:
our selves, our time and our possessions.
Use us, and what we have gathered,
in feeding the world with your love,
through the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.
Amen.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People* 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, unfaithfully 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

All: 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.



Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ambrosian Chant

Priest: As our saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray:

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.

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.

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.
Amen.

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 (CP388)

AUSTRIA

VOLUNTARY

*You are invited to be seated for the Voluntary or to leave at this point.
Coffee and tea will be served in the Garden.*

READINGS FOR AUGUST 18

Isaiah 5:1-7 In this Song of the Vineyard, Israel and Judah are asked to pass judgment on themselves. The prophet implies that the failure of justice and righteousness will lead to disaster for the Lord's elect people.

Psalms 80:1, 2, 8-18 With the same vine image for Israel, God is called upon for help, preservation and life itself.

Hebrews 11:29—12:2 The people of God are encouraged to hold fast in their faith, recalling the strength of those who have gone before, especially Jesus, the 'pioneer and protector' of their faith.

Luke 12:49-56 Jesus describes the cost of discipleship in terms of divisions it may cause.

FLOWERS

Main

To the Glory of God and in loving memory of our precious son, Brian: from John and Marilyn Beckett and family.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today

11:45 am Sunday Reflections Denson Lounge

Monday, August 12

12:30 pm Pastoral Care Team Meeting Denson Lounge

1:30 pm Divine Knitters Denson Lounge

Tuesday, August 13

10:00 am Food Bank Crypt

Wednesday, August 14

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

9:30 am Sermon Circle Denson Lounge

Thursday, August 15

12:10 pm Meditative Eucharist Chapel

Friday, August 16

10:00 am Food Bank Crypt

Saturday, August 17

3:00 pm Mendelssohn Choir Concert Church

Sunday, August 18

8:00 am Holy Communion Chapel

10:00 am Parish Eucharist Church

4:00 pm Revalidation Service for Rev. Grant Croswell Church

EVENTS

Diviners' Walk – Friday, August 16th – meeting time is 5:30 pm (we wait 10 minutes only for latecomers):

Gorge Road. Meet at Bill and Karen's Home, 2839 Murray Drive. **Pub:** Home of Bill Samis and Karen Strawn Samis.

If you wish to join us for the meal only, please let Bill and Karen know ahead of time.

Spiritual Director Sherri Koster will be at St. John's this Monday, August 12th (am) and Tuesday, August 13th.

If you have any questions or would like to book an appointment please contact Sherri directly at

sherrickoster@gmail.com.

"She Moved through the Fair: Songs of Love and Loss" Concert

Sunday August 18th, 7:30 pm at Lutheran Church of the Cross, 3787 Cedar Hill Road. Harpist and vocalist Esther-Ruth Teel will be joined by special guests including Elanor Teel and Caleigh Aalders for a beautiful evening of song.

Revalidation Service: It is with great joy that the Synod Office announces the reception of The Rev. Grant Croswell to the Anglican Communion to exercise his vocation as a priest.

Sunday, August 18th @ 4:00 pm at St. John the Divine, Victoria, where Grant has interned for the last nine months. Bishop Logan will revalidate Grant's Holy Orders to exercise priestly ministry.

This is a community event and all are invited and encouraged to attend.

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: admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca.

The Special Blue Envelope for August is for the Refugee Safe Haven Account.

After an urgent request from Bishop Logan last October, our parish has been co-ordinating support for a Senegalese Mom (who is also a French National) and her two young sons aged 10 and 3. The budget to get to the end of the year is \$18,000.

A small group from the Abbey Church, St. Peter & St. Paul and our parish, are keeping the family sheltered, fed, clothed and legally represented. The next hearing on 2 October will judicially review Immigration's refusal to grant Mom Permanent Resident Status on compassionate grounds.

We are keeping the family whole. For the time being Mom is legally unable to work, so she volunteers at places like Global Village and Quadra Village Centre. Mom has also joined the Diversity Choir which featured on CHEK6 News on Refugee Day. The elder son is doing better in school and the younger is at daycare.

For three years she successfully supported her family by working two jobs. I am very hopeful the legal process will be successful and that Mom will get her work permit back. Once that happens we can begin to phase out support. How soon that might be is impossible to say as the timing depends on the justice system.

If you have time, I need a team of volunteers who can provide childcare on Wednesday evenings for 2 hours starting in September and occasionally on weekends so Mom can go to gigs with her choir.

Chris Eve Email chriseve@shaw.ca

Vergers Needed: If you think you might like to be a Verger but not quite sure what they do, please contact Chuck Neilson at chuckger@gmail.com

Whither our cushions? Our church cushions have gone walk-about. If you have some extra cushions at home, could you kindly donate them to the church. We keep them in a plastic storage box under the bell-rope, north-west door. Many thanks.

SOULSPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey.

“ I tell my students, 'When you get these jobs that you have been so brilliantly trained for, just remember that your real job is that if you are free, you need to free somebody else. If you have some power, then your job is to empower somebody else.’”

| **TONI MORRISON**

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