

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The 15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 22, 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 are an inclusive and affirming parish; the sacraments of the church (ex. baptism, communion and marriage) are available to all people on equal terms. Christ welcomes you, and so do we.



apud: phillip medhurst

PARABLE OF THE UNJUST STEWARD. LUKE 16:1-9. JAN LUYKEN

excudit: harry kossuth

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 Venerable Alastair McCollum

Preacher: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

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

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Deacon: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

Sermon: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

Readers: Chris Eve, Doug Henderson

Intercessor: Peggy Wilmot

Audio: Patrick Ryan

Vergger: David Pupak

Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine,

The Sutton Organ Scholar,

The MacRae Choral Scholars

The Mass Setting: Communion Service in the Phrygian Mode, Charles Wood (1866-1926)

A Nursery for children aged 0 to 3 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

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears unto our prayer; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall, from thee. Amen.

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788). / Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-1876).

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (CP 384)

LOBE DEN HERREN

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

O God,
anoint us with the healing Spirit of consolation and joy,
so that we may rejoice in the richness of your love
and be faithful stewards of your many gifts.

All: Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 8:18—9:1

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM (*sung by the choir*)

79:1-9

O God, the heathen have come into your inheritance; they have profaned your holy temple; they have made Jerusalem a heap of rubble.
 They have given the bodies of your servants as food for the birds of the air, and the flesh of your faithful ones to the beasts of the field.
 They have shed their blood like water on every side of Jerusalem, and there was no one to bury them.
 We have become a reproach to our neighbours, an object of scorn and derision to those around us.
 How long will you be angry, O Lord? will your fury blaze like fire for ever?
 Pour out your wrath upon the heathen who have not known you and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon your name.
 For they have devoured Jacob and made his dwelling a ruin.
 Remember not our past sins; let your compassion be swift to meet us; for we have been brought very low.
 Help us, O God our Saviour, for the glory of your name, deliver us and forgive us our sins, for your name's sake.

THE EPISTLE

1 Timothy 2:1-7

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (CP 496)

FESTAL SONG

THE GOSPEL

Luke 16:1-13

Before the Gospel

Cantor: Show us your mercy O Lord, and grant us your salvation.

All: God is with you.
And also with you.

Hear the Good News of Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, O 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 Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

All may offer their neighbour a sign of peace.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN (CP 576)

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of mercy and grace,
the eyes of all wait upon you,
and you open your hand in blessing.
Fill us with good things at your table,
so that we may come to the help of all in need,
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prayer A, Liturgy of the Islands

Priest: The Lord be with you. *All:* And also 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
reveal 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 (*sung by the 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.*

We praise you, Source of all, for the living Word: Jesus,
Born in poverty; a child refugee, a worker with his hands.
Gathering disciples, teaching and healing those he met,
Christ freely shared our sorrow, joy, and pain,
And, in vulnerability, showed power over sin and triumphed over death.

On the night before Jesus died, feasting with his friends,
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: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

With Christ’s 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 made one body and one holy people,
joined in the offering of Jesus 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, Loving God, Creator, Word, Spirit,
dynamic of love, complete and perfect unity, now, and in all ages.

All: Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered
and made into this one bread.

**All: So may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

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 sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin 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.

MOTET DURING COMMUNION

Ave, verum corpus natum de 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.
Amen.

*Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary:
You who truly suffered and were sacrificed
on the cross for the sake of man.
From whose pierced flank
flowed water and blood:
Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death.
O sweet, O merciful, O Jesus, Son of Mary.
Amen.*

Following the Communion there will be a pause for Silence.

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 BLESSING

DISMISSAL

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

All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN (CP 467)

SONG 34

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 SEPTEMBER 29TH – ST. MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

Genesis 28:10-17 / Psalm 103:19-22

Revelations 12:7-12 / John 1:47-51

FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Fred and Beryl "Gibby" Eve, from Penny and Chris.



Office Hours 9am – 12 Noon Monday to Friday

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today

11:45 am	Summer Art Show	Denson Lounge
11:45 am	Sunday Reflections	Chapel

Monday 23

1:30 pm	The Divine Knitters	Denson Lounge
2:00 pm	Book Study	Chapel
4:00 pm	The Living Presence Meditation	Chapel

Tuesday 24

10:00 am	Food Bank	Church Basement
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Wednesday 25

7:45 am	Holy Communion followed by Breakfast	Chapel/Denson Lounge
9:30 am	Sermon Circle	Denson Lounge
1:30 pm	Art & Soul Group	Church Basement

Thursday 26

12:10 pm	Meditative Eucharist	Chapel
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Friday 27

7:30 pm	Concert: Victoria Baroque Players <i>Grand Orchestral Suites</i> with Jeanne Lamon, director & violin	Church
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Sunday 29 – Orange Shirt Day

8:00 am	Holy Communion	Chapel
8:30-9:30 am	Pancake Breakfast	Hall
10:00 am	Parish Eucharist	Church
11:45 am	Sunday Reflections	Denson Lounge

EVENTS

An announcement about announcements!

The liturgy of the announcements has become longer, again! We are often finding that the announcements are only what is in the bulletin anyway. Not only that, but the clamour of those wishing to make announcements is making it harder for the presiders among us to take time to prepare ourselves for worship.

This, alongside the direction of our Bishop that announcements, whilst important, should be done by the Incumbent, or those presiding, and kept short – means that from now on:

No announcement requests will be taken immediately before worship on a Sunday.

If there is something special that really needs to be spoken, please write out a succinct summary and send it to Carol-Ann by Friday, please.

Announcements that are already in the bulletin may not be spoken.

The announcements will be made at the discretion of the Incumbent, or the Presider.

Thank you all, **Alastair**

Bells Are Ringing!!

Our Diocese has declared this to be the season of Creation. The theology is clear. It is our duty to care for creation. The science is also clear – weather patterns are changing, species are going extinct at unprecedented rates, and our global life support systems are under dire stress.

We need our political and corporate leaders to take the bold steps necessary to protect our planet for future generations. Every day that we don't act, we are trading our children's and grandchildren's futures away.

Young climate strikers are calling on everyone: parents and workers, unions and faith groups, students and environmentalists, and all concerned humans to join in a week of climate justice actions September 20 – 27.

What the churches have been asked to do is to ring their bells at 11 am every day this week, for 11 minutes, to signify the 11 years the IPCC (Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change) tells us we have left to turn things around.

Our plan depends on ordinary people like you listening to the youth, standing up to the decision makers. The youth need your voice, and they need your support. So please, take a look at the calendar of events and think about how you can do your part to stand up for future generations.

We can save this planet, but only if we act courageously, act now, and act together.

Visit <https://climatestrikecanada.org/september> NOW to find out how YOU can get involved.

Global Strike for Climate Action:

Stand with the youth of our community during Global Climate Strike Week. Join millions of people world-wide who will walk out of workplaces and homes in solidarity with young climate strikers who are demanding real and immediate action to solve the climate crisis. On Friday, September 27th, 12:00 noon at the Legislature, youth activists in Victoria are urging their parents, grandparents, members of faith communities, and the general public to join them in a demonstration of solidarity.

Today - The Art and Soul Groups is holding an **exhibition of the artworks** by all those who participated in our **Summer Art Challenge**. The works will be on show in the Denson Lounge after the 10:00 am service until 1:00 pm. Our thanks to all who joined in the fun with us!

LGBTQ and Christian – Victoria’s Generous Space group meets monthly

Next meeting: **Wednesday, September 25th**. Please contact Elizabeth for meeting location and/or more information.

*No matter your sexuality, gender expression, or relationship status;
no matter your convictions, interpretation of Scripture, or theology;
no matter how vibrant your faith, audacious your questions, or persistent your doubt,
there is room for you in our group.*



Diviners’ Walk – Friday, September 27th – meeting time is 5:30 pm (we wait 10 minutes only for latecomers): **Panama Flats**. Meet at Hyacinth Park, Marigold Avenue.
Pub: Ted & Vorna Butler’s home.

If you wish to join us for the meal only, please let Larry Scyner know ahead of time.



**Friday, September 27th, 7:30pm at St. John’s
GRAND ORCHESTRAL SUITES
with Jeanne Lamon, director & violin**

The legendary long-time music director of Toronto’s Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra, Jeanne Lamon, leads Victoria Baroque in a selection of Grand Orchestral Suites and ravishing Concerti Grossi by Telemann, Mondonville, and Geminiani, and Haydn’s Symphony No. 30 ‘Alleluia’.

Tickets: \$30 / \$25 senior/ \$5 student & child, available from McPherson box office, Munro’s, Ivy’s, and at the door.

Single & Subscription Tickets available for sale & pick-up at the coffee hour!

Contact & info: 250 590 9770, victoria-baroque@shaw.ca, victoria-baroque.com



ORANGE SHIRT DAY SEPTEMBER 30

Join us in our diocesan-wide support of Orange Shirt Day and help raise awareness of the need for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope.

On **Sunday, September 29**, wear an orange shirt to church to honour residential school survivors and the children who did not survive Canada's painful residential school system.

T-shirts can be purchased at Cafe Fantastico on Quadra near Bay, Fernwood Yoga Den or any Big Wheel Burger location. Cost: \$20.



St. John's Breakfast in the Parish Hall on Sun., **Sept. 29th, 8:30-9:30 am** – pancakes, sausages, tea and coffee. This is a free breakfast. However, as it is Orange Shirt Day, donations are being accepted for The Anglican Healing Fund, which is working at the ongoing process of reconciliation and healing of relationships with First Nations. If you plan to attend please sign up on the sheet provided at the Garden Door so that we know how many to prepare for.

Volunteers gratefully welcomed.

Cathedral Evensong with Collation and Installation

Sunday, September 29th

Beginning at 4:30 pm

Christ Church Cathedral, Victoria

All are invited to attend a special evensong in which we will celebrate the installation of two new Cathedral Canons to the Cathedral Chapter: Elizabeth Northcott and Craig Hiebert. We will also collate four archdeacons: Barry Foster (executive officer), Dawna Wall (Selkirk), Lincoln McKoen (Nimpkish), and Clara Plamondon (Cowichan-Malaspina).

This event is also, happily, taking place on the 90th anniversary of the consecration of the current cathedral.

Thanksgiving

Our October Blue Envelope for outreach is for the Out of the Rain Youth Shelter which takes place in our basement for the winter season, and for the Alliance Cooking Club, which makes meals for the youth who come to that shelter. Other things that are needed for the young street identified people in that group include clean clothes, toiletries, and above all, SOCKS!

Therefore on Thanksgiving Sunday (13th October) we will hear a little of what this ministry does, and have a **Sock Drive!** Please, as well as any Harvest Offering you may bring, come with packages of clean socks which will be included as part of our offering during the service. There will be boxes available to drop these packs off in Church on October 6th and 13th.

And, as you always do, please give generously to the blue envelope through the month of October for this important work.



Once again the Chancel Guild will be **decorating the church for Thanksgiving**. If you have any flowers, greenery, fruit or vegetables from your garden that you are willing to share for this purpose, please bring your donation to the church during the week or before 9:30am on Saturday, October 12th.

All donated fruits and vegetables go to the residents in St. John's Court or the food bank.

St. John's Social Justice Action Group (**SJAG**) is an umbrella group for all the social justice activities in the parish. We meet as representatives from the Out of the Rain Youth Shelter, the food bank, PWRDF, the magazine "Let Justice Roll", our housing redevelopment project, Alliance Club cooking, refugee support, GVAT (Greater Victoria Acting Together), reconciliation with Indigenous neighbours, LGBTQ2S issues and many other activities. We share information, brainstorm new ideas, and support each other. We plan informative lectures and film nights for the coming year. Climate change is this year's hot topic.

SJAG welcomes newcomers interested in learning about what goes on at the heart of St. John's. We meet once a month on a Thursday morning, 10:30-12 noon in the Denson Lounge (exactly which Thursday varies). Next meeting is Oct. 3rd. Come and be inspired!

St. Peter and St. Paul Anglican Church present South Island Harmony – Sat., October 5th at 2pm:
Join Southern Vancouver Island's only male a cappella chorus for an afternoon of harmony and song.

Tickets \$20 - Show time @ 2pm at St. Peter and St. Paul Anglican Church Esquimalt, 1379 Esquimalt Road. For more information and to purchase tickets please visit www.stpeterandpaul.ca, email admin@stpeterandpaul.ca or call the office at 250-686-6833.

THE MAGIC BOAT, by parishioner Kit Pearson, OC, and her partner, Kath Farris, has been shortlisted for the Victoria Children's Book Award.

The winner will be announced at the **Awards Gala on Oct. 9th** at the Union Club, at 7:30 pm. You can get tickets (\$20) at Munro's, Ivy's, Russell Books and Bolen's.

Announcements

A Prayer Group prays through the week; to request confidential prayers for yourself or others contact Pat Manning 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.

Sunday Morning Nursery - This is provided for children aged 0-3 years. It is staffed by two adults. It is accessed through the door near the pulpit, leading towards the church office. Please pass this information on to people you know, who may want to attend church, but feel deterred because they have small children.

The Special Blue Envelope for September is for the Food Bank at St. John's. The Food Bank at St. John's provides staple food items to those in need in our community.

Hurricane Dorian / PWRDF Appeal - The pictures of destroyed buildings are dramatic! It is estimated that critical infrastructure has been destroyed, and half of the homes in the Bahamas made uninhabitable by the recent hurricane. The Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF) is sending critical rehabilitation and reconstruction funds to the Anglican Diocese of the Bahamas via the Episcopal Relief and Development arm in the United States. Please consider a contribution to this important work. Information, including ways of sending a tax-deductible donation to PWRDF, is available at both entrances to the St. John's Sanctuary, or on-line (pwrdf.org/give-today).

A reminder to all who use the Parish House kitchen and Denson Lounge, to please clean up after yourselves and after all meetings. Unfortunately there is no kitchen angel to come and do this.

Let Justice Roll Newsletter

The Fall Issue (#7) of “Let Justice Roll” has just rolled off the press! It is available now, free to all interested St. John's members. This issue's central theme is Climate Change! It also features an interview with esteemed St. John's parishioner Ted Hughes, as well as an editorial on the Synod Meeting/Marriage Canon by Reverend Bill Tarter! This LJR also includes a special tribute to L'Arche founder Jean Vanier. The quarterly newsletter is a project of the St. John's Social Justice and Action Group (SJAG). Pick-up your copy at either entrance to the Sanctuary, or outside the Church Office.

A big thank you for your generous donations to the Son'alt Fury Soccer Team from the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations, our neighbours. This enables the youngsters to attend tournaments around the province and helps them to grow up healthy and strong. Your help is greatly appreciated!

Notes about Music

Our music provision on a Sunday morning tries to provide a wide array of singable congregational music (hymns, responses, etc), as well as choral music where the congregation is invited to participate through listening and considering the words which are sung by the choir – one of the reasons we always provide the text and translation of the pieces the choir is singing.

In general, there are two categories of music sung during the service. The first, and most important, is the liturgical music, those bits integral to the liturgy, such as the ordinary of the mass (eg., the Sanctus) and responses (eg. the Great Amen). The second is music that could be considered in some ways as incidental—that is, music the words of which are not integral to the liturgy itself. Hymns and anthems usually fall into this latter group. In many communities the choir is restricted to this second, decorative, role, but one of the joys of having a good choir and a parish with a broad liturgical sense is allowing the choir to sometimes sing parts of the liturgy itself, providing a means for us to enter into these parts of the service in a different, perhaps more contemplative way.

We do try to strike a balance between the choral and congregational approaches to the liturgical music, and so you will find that while we had a choral ordinary (Sanctus and Agnus) this week and last, the next two weeks we will be back to using Richard Proulx's eminently singable *Community Mass* for the Sanctus.



We still have room for more singers in both of our choirs!

- ❖ Do you know someone who would love to sing great sacred choral music in its proper liturgical context, who has ensemble experience, and who reads music quite well? Maybe that's even you? Or maybe it's a student (high school or university) in your family or amongst your friends - there are modest bursaries available for students who are accepted to sing with the Choristers.
- ❖ If you are equally interested in singing for the liturgy, but either don't have as much time, or can't read music as fluently, the Community Choir, which sings the Parish Eucharist on a monthly basis, could be for you! We have begun rehearsing for our next service (Oct 6th).

Get in touch with David at sjdchoirs@gmail.com to find out more!

(Note that the official church music email addresses, david.stratkauskas@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca and music@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca are not working!)

SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey.



**“ADULTS KEEP SAYING, ‘WE OWE IT TO THE
YOUNG PEOPLE TO GIVE THEM HOPE’.
BUT I DON'T WANT YOUR HOPE.
I DON'T WANT YOU TO BE HOPEFUL.
I WANT YOU TO PANIC.
I WANT YOU TO FEEL THE FEAR
I FEEL EVERYDAY.
AND THEN I WANT YOU TO ACT...
I WANT YOU TO ACT AS IF YOUR
HOUSE IS ON FIRE.
BECAUSE IT IS.”
- GRETA THUNBERG**

We have been talking about the environment as if it is something different from us, but we are the environment. The non-human elements are our environment, but we are the environment of non-human elements, so we are one with the environment. We are the environment.

Thich Nhat Hanh, Buddhist monk

Exploring the Way of the Heart

An Interspiritual Conversation with Matthew Wright

Monday, September 23rd, at 7:00 pm

UVic Interfaith Chapel

Our great spiritual traditions have often described the heart as *an organ of spiritual perception* - an "eye" by which we see from oneness. The heart reads reality from wholeness and relationship, opening us to a world of beauty, tenderness and love.

How do we awaken the heart?

Join us for an interspiritual conversation as we explore the Path of the Heart through three primary doorways: the teachings of Sufi, Christian and Hindu mystics.

By donation. For more information: www.contemplative.org

Wonderful Wednesdays (and Thursdays, too!) at St. George's Church in Cadboro Bay

St. George's is excited to announce the 2019 Fall Series:

Wednesday Morning Sessions:

9:30 am – Tea and Treats

10:00 am Speaker Presentation

Thursday Evening Sessions

7:00 pm – Speaker Presentation

Refreshments to follow

Wed, September 25th at 10am – Elena Dopfer, "Climate Friendly Home"

Thurs, September 26th at 7pm – Diana Gibson, "Social Justice in a One Planet Region – Cost and Benefits for Vulnerable Populations"

Wed, October 2nd at 10am – Dr. Matt Murphy, "Sustainable Investing: Strategies, Tools, and Evidence"

Thurs, October 3rd at 7pm – Dr. Rick Kool, "Environmental Violence: Trying to Understand, Confront, and Reduce Our Damage"

Saturday October 5, 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Christ Church Cathedral, Quadra Street & Rockland Avenue

Join **Diarmaid MacCulloch in person** for a wide-ranging conversation about his book, the TV series, and other topics of historical and contemporary interest.

The 4 Ws of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John



All who read the gospels are faced with the following questions:

- **Why were they written?**
 - **Who wrote them?**
 - **When were they written?**
- **What is their significance for our modern age**

You are invited to join a group on Wednesday evenings in October where answers to these questions will be offered by five presenters, a different presenter each week, all of whom have a sound knowledge of the gospels

Where: St. Mary's Church, Metchosin

When: October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Time: 6.00pm – 6.30pm a light supper

6.30pm - 8.00pm presentation and discussion

Cost: A freewill offering to cover supper and handouts

Presenters :

John Gram, Kem Luther, Alastair McCollum, Aneeta Saroop,
Philip Wadham



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