THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

St. Michael and All Angels

September 29, 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.



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

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 **Audio:** Doug Adderley **Readers:** Anne van der Sloot, Chris Eve **Verger:** Douwe Bosma

Gospel: Joan Huzar **Music:** The Choristers of St. John the Divine,

Sermon: The Venerable Alastair McCollum The Sutton Organ Scholar, The MacRae Choral Scholars

Intercessor: Karen Coverett

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

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels, and prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven. And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto death.

Text: Rev. VII, vv. 7-8, 10-11. / Music: Sidney Campbell (1909-1974).

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (CP 319)

NATIVITY

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.

Almighty God

All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

Holy God,

you reach out in love through Jesus Christ to save us.

Unchain us from our desire for wealth and power,

so that we may release others

from prisons of poverty, hunger and oppression.

All: Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING Genesis 28:10-17

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM 103:19-22



The Lord has set his throne in heaven, and his kingship has dominion over all. *Antiphon*.

Bless the Lord, you angels of his, you mighty ones who do his bidding and hearken to the voice of his word. *Antiphon*.

Bless the Lord, all you his hosts, you ministers of his who do his will. Antiphon.

Bless the Lord, all you works of his, in all places of his dominion; bless the Lord, O my soul. *Antiphon*.

THE EPISTLE Revelation 12:7-12

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (CP 272)

COELITES PLAUDANT

THE GOSPEL Luke 16:1-13

Before the Gospel



Cantor: Bless the Lord, all you God's hosts, you ministers who do his will.

Al - le - lu - ja.

God is with you.

All: And also with you.

Hear the Good News of Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Christ.

After the Gospel

All:

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Following the Sermon there will be a pause for Silence.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

was crucified, died, and was buried.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again

to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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 (Sp 280)

COE FEN

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer E



Father, you made the world and love your creation.

You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.

His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

And so we gladly thank you,

with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

SANCTUS

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you.

He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, 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.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

All: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.



All:

Common Worship, Services and Prayers for the Church of England

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

"I am the bread of life," says the Lord.

"Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

All: Taste and see that the Lord is good;

happy are they who trust in him!

THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, have mercy on us.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, 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

Factum est silentium in caelo,

Dum committeret bellum draco cum Michaele Archangelo.

Audita est vox millia millium dicentium:

Salus, honor et virtus omnipotenti Deo. Alleluia.

Millia millium minestrabant ei et decies centena millia assistebant ei

There was silence in heaven

When the dragon fought with the Archangel Michael.

The voice of a thousand thousand was heard saying:

Salvation, honour and power be to almighty God. Alleluia.

A thousand thousand ministered to him and ten hundreds of thousands stood before him.

Text: Antiphon to the Benedictus at Lauds on Michaelmas Day.

Music: Felice Anerio (1560-1614).

Following the Communion there will be a pause for Silence.

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ.

Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worhsip (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 325)

ANGEL-VOICES

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 OCTOBER 6, 2019 – THE 17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Lamentations 1:1-6 Images of the desolation of Jerusalem after its destruction can express our own pain from community disasters.

Psalm 137

2 Timothy 1:1-14 Greeting, thanksgiving for faithfulness and exhortation to courage and endurance are addressed to Timothy, a third generation Christian.

Luke 17:5-10 Jesus reminds his disciples both of faith's capacity against tremendous odds and of our own inadequacy before God.

FLOWERS

In memory and honour of Carole Hardin, deeply loved and greatly missed, from Daryl Hardin and Mark Hanson.

Office Hours 9am – 12 Noon Monday to Friday

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

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Today		
8:30-9:30 am	Orange Shirt Pancake Breakfast	Hall
11:45 am	Sunday Reflections	Chapel
Monday 30		
2:00 pm	Book Study	Chapel
Wednesday, Octob	per 2	
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 3		
10:30 am	SJAG Meeting	Denson Lounge
12:10 pm	Meditative Eucharist	Chapel
1:00 pm	Chancel Guild Meeting	Denson Lounge
Friday 4		
10:00 am	Food Bank	Church Basement
6:00 pm	kidspace	Parish House
Saturday 5		
8:30 am - 2:00 pm	Autumn Work Day	Everywhere
Sunday 6		
8:00 am	Holy Communion	Chapel
10:00 am	Parish Eucharist	Church
11:45 am	Sunday Reflections	Denson Lounge

EVENTS

Cathedral Evensong with Collation and Installation

Today
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.



Diviners' Walk – Friday, October 4th – meeting time is 5:30 pm (we wait 10 minutes only for latecomers): **Elk Road Walk.** Meet at Elk Road, corner of Interurban and West Saanich Roads. **Pub:** Howard Johnson, 4670 Elk Lake Drive, 250-704-4656.

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



The Property Committee's **Autumn Clean-up Day** is scheduled for **Saturday**, **October 5**th, to begin at 8:30 am, coffee and muffins provided, as well as a light lunch at 12:30 pm. Help make our Church cleaner and brighter. All cleaning products are supplied. Lots of jobs available – including gardening and cleaning. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet at the Garden Door.

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 or baskets 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. Peter and St. Paul Anglican Church presents 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. 9**th 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 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.

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.

Victoria Cool Aid Society is seeking donations of **gently used blankets (twin size is preferable)**, **sleeping bags, warm clothing and winter coats/gear**. As the weather cools down, we are seeing an increased need and any help you could offer would be so much appreciated.

Donations can be brought to Rock Bay Landing at 535 Ellice Street or Sandy Merriman House (women's shelter) at 809 Burdett.

We are in need of 2-3 more people to help out with coffee. We can always use additional teams if you are keen to help. The more teams we have the less frequently you will be scheduled. Please see Carol-Ann if you are interested.

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.

Notes about Music

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).

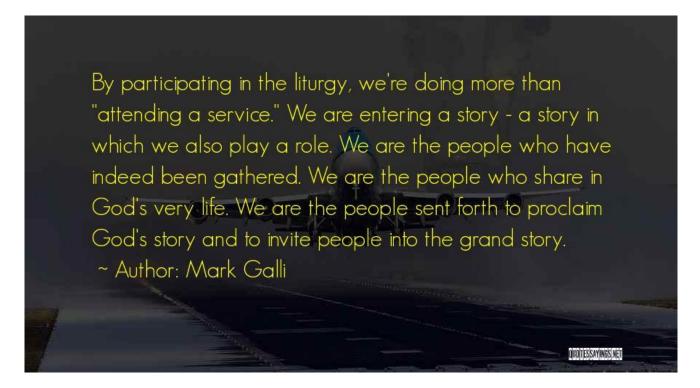
Get in touch with David at <u>sjdchoirs@gmail.com</u> to find out more! (Note that the official church music email addresses, <u>david.stratkauskas@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca</u> and <u>music@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca</u> are not working!)

SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey.

"By insisting specially on the immanence of God we get introspection, self-isolation, quietism, social indifference... By insisting specially on the transcendence of God we get wonder, curiosity, moral and political adventure, righteous indignation... Insisting that God is inside humans, humans are always inside themselves. By insisting that God transcends humanity, humanity has transcended itself."

— G.K. Chesterton, Orthodoxy



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: Thursday Evening Sessions

9:30 am – Tea and Treats 7:00 pm – Speaker Presentation

10:00 am Speaker Presentation Refreshments to follow

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 5th, 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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