

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The 17th Sunday after Pentecost

October 6, 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 (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 Canon Kevin Arndt

Intercessor: Lorraine Gates

Deacon: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

Audio: Al Lehmann

Readers: Jim Keefe, Harriet Kendrick

Verger: Kelly Somogyi

Gospel: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

Music: The Community Choir

Sermon: The Venerable Alastair McCollum

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (CP 355)

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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.

Lord,
help us to know ourselves
and call us to answer and serve;
through Jesus Christ, the Master of the Table.

All: Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Lamentations 1:1-6

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

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*Before the psalm the refrain is sung by the cantor then again by **all**; it is sung by **all** after each set of verses:*



How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?

By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion.

As for our lyres, we hung them up on the willows that grow in that land. **Refrain.**

For there our captors asked for a song, our tormentors called for mirth:

“Sing us one of the songs of Zion.” **Refrain.**

How shall we sing the Lord's song in a strange land?

If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its skill. **Refrain.**

Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if I do not remember you,

if I set not Jerusalem above my highest joy. **Refrain.**

THE EPISTLE

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (CP 94)

(Taizé)

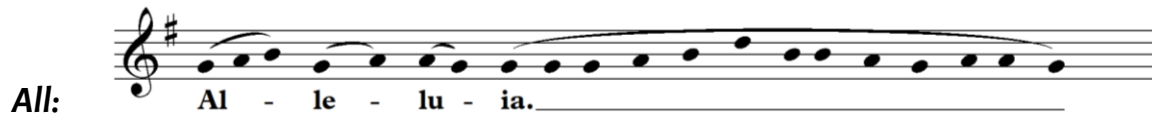
THE GOSPEL

Luke 17:5-10

Before the Gospel



Cantor: The word of the Lord abides for ever. That word is the good news which was preached to you.



God is with you.

All: 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, O Christ.

SERMON

Following the Sermon there will be a pause for Silence.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 455)

REPTON

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Holy God, gracious and merciful,
you bring forth food from the earth
and nourish your whole creation.
Turn our hearts toward those
who hunger in any way,
so that all may know your care;
and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life,
Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prayer 4, Book of Alternative Services



Priest: The Lord be with you. *All:* And al-so 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.

It is right to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe
You are worthy of glory and praise.



All: Glo - ry to you for ev - er and ev - er.

At your command all things came to be:
The vast expanse of interstellar space,
galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home;
by your will they were created and have their being.



All: Glo - ry to you for ev - er and ev - er.

From the primal elements
you brought forth the human race,
and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill;
you made us the stewards of creation.



All: Glo - ry to you for ev - er and ev - er.

But we turn against you, and betray your trust;
and we turn against one another.
Again and again you call us to return.

Through the prophets and sages
you reveal your righteous law.
In the fullness of time you send your Son,
born of a woman, to be our Saviour.
He was wounded for our transgressions,
and bruised for our iniquities.
By his death he opened to us
the way of freedom and peace.

All:



Therefore we praise you,
joining with the heavenly chorus,
with prophets, apostles, and martyrs,
and with those in every generation
who have looked to you in hope,
to proclaim with them your glory,
in their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Blessed are you, Lord our God,
for sending us Jesus, the Christ,
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread, said the blessing,
broke the bread, gave it to his friends,
and said, "Take this, and eat it:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper, he took the cup of wine;
he gave you thanks, 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."

All:



Gracious God,
we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,
we proclaim his resurrection and ascension,
and we look with expectation for his coming
as Lord of all the nations.

We who have been redeemed by him,
and made a new people by water and the Spirit,
now bring you these gifts.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this offering of your Church,
that we who eat and drink at this holy table
may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

Pour your Spirit upon the whole earth
and make it your new creation.

Gather your Church together
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,
where peace and justice are revealed,
that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation,
may share the banquet you have promised;

through Christ, with Christ and in Christ,
all honour and glory are yours, creator of all.



All: Glo-ry to you for ev - er and ev - er. A - - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ambrosian Chant

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI

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:

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace; where there is hatred let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair let me
sow hope; where there is darkness, light; and where there is sadness, joy.

Text: attrib. St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226). / Music: John Sanders (1933-2003).

Following the Communion there will be a pause for Silence.

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

All your works praise you, O Lord.

All: And your faithful servants bless you.

Gracious God

we thank you for feeding us

with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

May we, who share his body,

live his risen life;

we, who drink his cup,

bring life to others;

we, whom the Spirit lights,

give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,

so that we and all your children shall be free,

and the whole earth live to praise your name;

through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

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

All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN (NEH 486)

FULDA

VOLUNTARY

Alleluia – William Faulkes (1863-1933)

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.

7:30 pm Choral Evensong

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

Officiants: The Reverend Grant Croswell, The Reverend Patrick Sibley

Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine, The Sutton Organ Scholar, The MacRae Choral Scholars

Setting of the Canticles: J. Pachelbel (*Magnificat in D*); plainsong (*Nunc Dimittis*)

Lectionary: Church of England, 2nd Service

MUSIC BEFORE THE SERVICE

Christ, who is light and day

S. Scheidt (1587-1654), Neil Cardew-Fanning, guest organist

RESPONSES (*Please stand*)

Cantor: O Lord, open thou our lips

Choir: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise

Cantor: O God, make speed to save us.

Choir: O Lord, make haste to help us.

Cantor: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost

Choir: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.

Cantor: Praise ye the Lord;

Choir: The Lord's name be praised.

OFFICE HYMN (CP 25)

TALLIS'S CANON

PSALM (*Please sit; stand for the final Gloria Patri*)

Psalm 142

FIRST LESSON (*Please sit*)

MAGNIFICAT (*Please stand – sung by the choir*)

MY soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and the meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel; As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. (Luke 1:46-55)

SECOND LESSON *(Please sit)*

NUNC DIMITTIS *(Please stand – sung by the choir)*

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou has prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. (Luke 2:29-32)

APOSTLES' CREED *(Please stand – recited by all)*

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Cantor: The Lord be with you;

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Cantor: Let us pray.

PRAYERS *(Please kneel or sit)*

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

Cantor: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

Choir: And grant us thy salvation.

Cantor: O Lord, save the Queen;

Choir: And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Cantor: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

Choir: And make thy chosen people joyful.

Cantor: O Lord, save thy people;

Choir: And bless thine inheritance.

Cantor: Give peace in our time, O Lord;

Choir: Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
(OR And evermore mightily defend us.)

Cantor: O God, make clean our hearts within us;

Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

O Lord, we beseech thee let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy church: and because it cannot continue in safety without thy succour, preserve it evermore, by thy help and goodness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SECOND COLLECT For Peace.

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

THE THIRD COLLECT For Aid Against All Perils.

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE ANTHEM *(Please sit – sung by the choir)*

O Lord, increase my faith
strengthen me
and confirm me in thy true faith,
endue me with wisdom,
charity, chastity and patience
in all my adversity.
Sweet Jesus, say Amen.

Music: O. Gibbons or H. Loosemore

PRAYERS *(Please kneel or sit)*

BLESSING *(Please stand)*

HYMN (NEH 466)

MOSCOW

VOLUNTARY Saraband in Modo Elegiaco

Herbert Howells (1892-1983)

READINGS FOR OCTOBER 13, 2019 – THE 18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – THANKSGIVING

Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7

2 Timothy 2:8-15

Psalm 66:1-11

Luke 17:11-19

FLOWERS

Given to the Glory of God in loving memory of our fathers, from Darlene and Mark Lee.

Office Hours 9am – 12 Noon Monday to Friday

The deadline for leaflet announcements is Tuesday noon of each week.
All notices are to be given in writing, preferably by email.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today

11:45 am	Sunday Reflections	Chapel
7:30 pm	Evensong	Church

Monday 7

2:00 pm	Book Study	Chapel
4:00 pm	Living Presence Meditation	Chapel

Tuesday 8

10:00 am	Food Bank	Church Basement
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Wednesday 9

7:45 am	Holy Communion followed by Breakfast	Chapel/Denson Lounge
9:30 am	Sermon Circle	Denson Lounge
12 Noon	Art & Soul Drop-In Group	Church Basement

Thursday 10

12:10 pm	Meditative Eucharist	Chapel
3:30 pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Denson Lounge

Friday 11

10:00 am	Food Bank	Church Basement
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Sunday 13 - Thanksgiving

8:00 am	Holy Communion	Chapel
10:00 am	Parish Eucharist	Church
11:45 am	Sunday Reflections	Denson Lounge

EVENTS

Sunday Reflections - On weeks without other events we offer the opportunity to ask 'what just happened?' at our Sunday service - an open forum to discuss the sermon, liturgy, music, and indeed anything that might have cropped up during our worship services, or about Anglican practice and tradition generally. This takes place at **11:45am, following the 10am service** and usually lasts for 45 minutes or so. All are welcome; come, and bring your questions!



Diviners' Walk – Friday, October 11th – meeting time is 5:30 pm (we wait 10 minutes only for latecomers): **Uplands Park – Willows Beach**. Meet at War Memorial near Cattle Point, Beach Drive, Oak Bay. **Pub:** TBA or The Oaks, Oak Bay Avenue.

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

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 are baskets available to drop these packs off in Church today and on the 13th.

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

Out of the Rain News:

Our weekly night shelter for homeless kids opens Tues., Oct. 15th. We provide a safe warm space for them to sleep, a hot supper, a muffin breakfast and 2 youth workers who supervise overnight. We serve around 15-25 kids each Monday night over the winter. If you feel like you might like to help, you can provide a hot casserole, stay and serve it if you like, or provide 4 dozen muffins, or (a favourite) provide 4 doz cookies. With enough volunteers you would only need to do this about twice during the season which ends April 15, 2020. Other donations we love to have are hot chocolate (the kind you mix with water), hot sauce, ketchup, tea, coffee, peanut butter and jam. Our donation bin is in the back hallway near the Denson Lounge.

Please contact Karyn Lehmann.



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 Sat., October 12th.

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

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.

Music and Prayer in the Style of Taizé continues this fall at James Bay United Church, 511 Michigan Street, at 6:00 pm, Fri., Oct. 18th. All are welcome at this faith community in the heart of James Bay.

Have you helped resettle refugees here at St. John's? Then save the date of Sat., Jan. 18th, 2020.

The Refugee Support Group, while it's taking a sabbatical, is still going to have a party to celebrate the successes we have had over the past 30+ years. We are going to try to locate as many of our refugee families as we can, as well as all the workers and helpers we can, so everyone's invited. Spread the word. More information will follow soon.

– Bill Williamson, Sabbatical Chair, Refugee Support Group.

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 **Art and Soul** group will continue to meet in the Church Basement on Wednesdays. But **please note** the following extended hours: doors open at 12:00 noon until 4:00 pm. So do drop in. By donation only.

The Special Blue Envelope for October is Out of the Rain

The Out of the Rain Youth Night Shelter is a community project, providing shelter to homeless youth during the coldest months of the year. A coalition of community agencies, faith-based organizations, businesses, and individual volunteers work together to provide space, professional support, and food for the shelter. The shelter rotates among host sites in the community. Out of the Rain volunteers support staff as helpers or cook hot meals.

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

At the 10am Parish Eucharist we **welcome back the Community Choir!**

We also introduce some congregational music that will remain consistent through October – the paraphrase of the creed set to the traditional American tune, Nettleton, along with music for the Eucharistic Prayer responses by, Patrick Wedd (director of music at Christ Church Vancouver until 1986, then more recently at Christ Church Montréal), whose passing earlier this year is an immense loss to the Canadian choral and church music world.

The texts of the first hymn and the anthem during communion are a nod at the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, celebrated on October 4th.

At Evensong, sung by the Choristers tonight, a joyous baroque setting of the Magnificat by Johann Pachelbel features (yes – he wrote much else besides *that other* famous piece!). As nights lengthen, Evensong makes a lovely way to mark the end of the day and the end of the season. It is also one of the most quintessentially Anglican of services, and a beautiful way to spend over 45 minutes of contemplation and to quiet oneself.

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!

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.

“What happens when appreciation of the lament as a form of speech and faith is lost, as I think it is largely lost in contemporary usage? What happens when the speech forms that redress power distribution have been silenced and eliminated? The answer, I believe, is that a theological monopoly is reinforced, docility and submissiveness are engendered, and the outcome in terms of social practice is to reinforce and consolidate the political-economic monopoly of the status quo.”

Walter Bruggemann

A Lament

O well for him who lives at ease
With garnered gold in wide domain,
Nor heeds the splashing of the rain,
The crashing down of forest trees. -
O well for him who ne'er hath known
The travail of the hungry years,
A father grey with grief and tears,
A mother weeping all alone. -
But well for him whose feet hath trod
The weary road of toil and strife,
Yet from the sorrows of his life
Builds ladders to be nearer God.

Oscar Wilde

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

STEWARDS

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Associate Priest: The Rev'd Bill Tarter

Associate Priest: The Rev'd Grant Croswell

Deacon: The Rev'd Patrick Sibley

Director of Music: David Stratkauskas

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