THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The 18th Sunday after Pentecost - Thanksgiving

October 13, 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 Venerable Alastair McCollum	Intercessor: Kit Pearson
Sub-Deacon: Matthew Cook	Audio: Doug Adderley
Readers: Judith Branion, Heidi Hodgins	Verger: Chuck Neilson
Gospel: Matthew Cook	Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine,
Sermon: The Venerable Alastair McCollum	The Sutton Organ Scholar, The MacRae Choral Scholars
Gospel: Matthew Cook	Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine,

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 262)

St. George's, Windsor

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.

GLORIA (sung by the choir)

Gloria in excelsis Deo. Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te. Benedicimus te. Adoramus te. Glorificamus te. Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam, Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens. Domine Fili unigenite, Iesu Christe. Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram. Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus Sanctus. Tu solus Dominus. Tu solus Altissimus, Iesu Christe. Cum Sancto Spiritu, in gloria Dei Patris. Amen.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, only-begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sin of the world: receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use your bounty well, that the whole human family, today and in generations to come, may with us give thanks for the riches of your creation. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Psalm

Before the psalm, the antiphon is sung by the cantor, then repeated by all. It is sung again by all at the end.



Antiphon:

- Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before his presence with a song.
- Know this: The Lord himself is God; he himself has made us, and we are his; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.
- Enter his gates with thanksgiving; go into his courts with praise; give thanks to him and call upon his name.
- For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

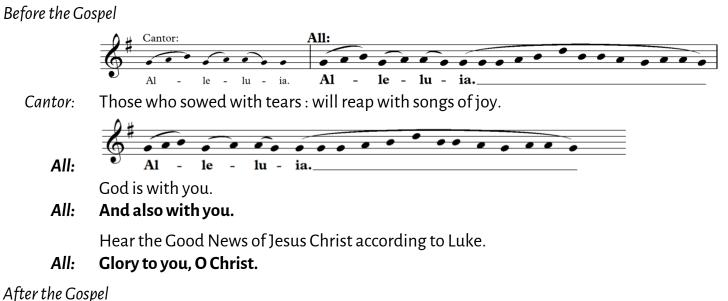
THE EPISTLE

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (CP 259)

THE GOSPEL



The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Following the Sermon there will be a pause for Silence.

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Philippians 4:4-9

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Luke 17:11-19

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.

And also with you. All:

All may offer their neighbour a sign of peace.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

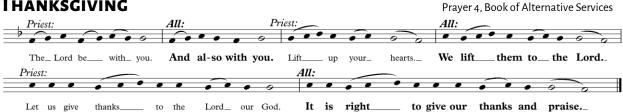
OFFERTORY HYMN (SP 109)

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours, yet you have given us dominion over all things. Receive the symbols of our labour and love which we offer you this day, in the name of lesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



It is right_

It is right to give you thanks and praise,

O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe

You are worthy of glory and praise.



At your command all things came to be: The vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, **REGENT SQUARE**

to give our thanks and praise._

All:

and this fragile earth, our island home; by your will they were created and have their being.

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.



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.

and

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 (sung by the choir)

All:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Osanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Osanna in excelsis.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for sending us Jesus, the Christ, who on the night he was handed over Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. 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."



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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.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI Sung by the choir

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,	Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
miserere nobis.	have mercy on us.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,	Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
dona nobis pacem.	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:

Thou visitest the earth, and blesses it. Thou crownest the year with thy goodness.

Text: Psalm 65.9,12. Music: Maurice Greene (1695-1755).

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn (CP 399)

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.

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Readings for October 20th – The 19th Sunday After Pentecost

Jeremiah 31:27-34 Responding to despair with hope, Jeremiah prophesies that God will help God's people keep the covenant previous generations had broken. Psalm 119:97-104 The poet uses creativity to express in many variations the ways in which it is a delight to respond to God's call to love. **2 Timothy 3:14–4:5** Timothy is urged to persevere in the gospel he has received. Luke 18:1-8 Jesus shocks people by comparing God to a self-absorbed judge. Yet if a poverty-stricken woman can get justice by complaining loudly and frustrating the judge, then how much more will the real God respond with overwhelming generosity to our prayers.

FLOWERS – GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Main 1	in loving memory of my parents, Steven and Rosy Chan, and my sisters, Benita and Caroline, from Adrienne Chan.
Main 2	in loving memory of Dick and Muriel Ireland, from the Beckett, Heppell and Ireland families.
Lectern Chapel	in celebration of our wedding anniversary, from Michael & Carol-Ann Zenger. with thanksgiving for the lives of departed loved ones, always remembered,
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Office Hours 9am-12 Noon Monday to Friday

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today Sunday Reflections Chapel 11:45 am Monday 14 Office closed for Thanksgiving. Tuesday 15 Church 1:00 pm Funeral for Tom Bailey Alliance Club Cooking for youth in need 7:00 pm Hall Kitchen Parish Council Denson Lounge 7:00 pm Wednesday 16 Holy Communion followed by Breakfast Chapel/Denson Lounge 7:45 am Sermon Circle Denson Lounge 9:30 am Art & Soul Drop-In Group **Church Basement** 12 Noon The Divine Knitters Denson Lounge 1:30 pm Thursday 17 Meditative Eucharist Chapel 12:10 pm **Reel Thought Movie Night** Denson Lounge 7:00 pm Friday 18 10:00 am Food Bank Church Basement Sunday 20 Holv Communion Chapel 8:00 am Parish Eucharist Church 10:00 am **Divine Brunch** Hall 11:30 am **Denson Lounge** Pflag 2:00 pm 3rd Sunday Service - Healing Church 6:00 pm 11

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 in the Denson Lounge at **11:45am, following the 10am service** and usually lasts for 45 minutes or so. All are welcome; come, and bring your questions!

With sadness we let you know of the death of Arie Schaddalee this past week. There will be a **service of remembrance for Arie** at First Memorial (4725 Falaise Drive) this coming Monday, October 14th at 1:00 pm.

On Tuesday, October 15th, at 1:00 pm, **a memorial service will be held at St. John's commemorating the life of Dr. Tom Bailey**. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to a charity of your choice in keeping with Tom's life.

Out of the Rain News:

Our weekly night shelter for homeless kids opens this 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 dozen 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.

Reel Thought Movie Night –

This **Thursday** evening, **October 17th,** at 7:00 p.m. Reel Thought will present our regular screening for October in the Denson Lounge of St. John the Divine Anglican Church:

Loving Vincent (Poland, UK, USA, Switzerland, Netherlands, 2017, 94 mins.) https://www.imdb.com/title/tt3262342/

This movie follows its principal character on a journey of discovery, one that was mirrored by the actor playing the role. But, in fact, you never see that actor, because this is a unique *animated* film. There was a script, and actors, but the resulting film was then translated into more than 60,000 paintings, most of which mimic the unmistakable style of Vincent van Gogh. It is a stunning achievement, telling a thought-provoking story about van Gogh's last days.

In English.

From November through Lent next year we revert to our usual third Wednesday of each month, including in December, which was previously announced as being on the second Wednesday.



Diviners' Walk – Friday, October 18th – meeting time is 5:30 pm (we wait 10 minutes only for latecomers): **Quick's Bottom – Joe's Trail.** Meet 100 metres north of Vanalman on Glanford. **Pub:** home of Bill Samis and Karen Strawn Samis.

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

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.

Divine Brunch, October 20th, by donation on day of Brunch

Tickets are now ready for pickup. They are available from the Front office during the week and at coffee hour after Church today.

Please get them early so we know how many to accommodate.

No tickets will be available after Friday, October 18th at 4:00 pm.

Menu:

Lasagna / Garlic Bread / Mixed Greens Shepherd's Pie / Garlic Bread / Mixed Greens Vegetarian, Vegan, Gluten Free Lasagna available

This month sees the start of '3', our new **Sunday evening services,** on the third Sunday of each month (the name needs work, I know). At 6:00 pm each third Sunday we will have a different kind of service, this month on October 20th, will be a Eucharist with prayers for healing, to celebrate the feast of St Luke. In November it will be an all-age celebration, in December our special service of lessons and carols. Look out for more details as these events get closer!

Evensong will still be, as always, offered on the first Sunday of each month, at 7.30pm – the Anglican tradition's quintessential evening service of peace and contemplation.

On Sunday, November 3rd there will be an All Souls Evensong at 7:30 pm. This service will provide a time of remembrance and thanksgiving for the lives of the faithful departed, particularly those who have died in the last 12 months. **Please list names of deceased you wish to have read at the service on sheets provided at the Church office counter, at the back of the Church or at the Garden door.**

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

The Refugee Support Group is 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 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 **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.

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.

All Coffee & Tea Drinkers

If you enjoy socializing after church, please consider being part of a team for this Sunday morning hospitality. Many of those presently on the coffee roster have been serving for years and would appreciate new volunteers. The more teams we have the less frequently you will be scheduled. Please speak with Carol-Ann if you are interested.

Let Justice Roll Newsletter

The Fall Issue (#7) of "Let Justice Roll" 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.



From now until Sunday, November 3rd, please bring the **WINTER COATS** that you wish to give to Cool Aid Society, Sandy Merriman House, and also Out of the Rain Youth Shelter, to the Office Foyer. Two parishioners have volunteered to distribute the coats to the various organizations.

SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey.

Thanksgiving Prayer

The witnesses tell of your boundless generosity, and their telling is compelling to us: You give your world to call the worlds into being; You give your sovereign rule to emancipate the slaves and the oppressed;

You give your commanding fidelity to form your own people; You give your life for the life of the world... broken bread that feeds, poured out wine and binds and heals. You give...we receive...and are thankful.

We begin this day in gratitude, thanks that is a match for your self-giving, gratitude in gifts offered, gratitude in tales told, gratitude in lives lived.

Gratitude willed, but not so readily lived, held back by old wounds turned to powerful resentment, slowed by early fears become vague anxiety, restrained by self-sufficiency in a can-do arrogance, blocked by amnesia unable to recall gifts any longer.

Do this yet. Create innocent spaces for us this day for the gratitude we intend.

In thankfulness, we will give, we will tell, we will live, your gift through us to gift the world. Amen.

~ written by Walter Brueggemann, in Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth: Prayers of Walter Brueggemann



"The flow of grace through us is largely blocked when we are living inside a worldview of scarcity, a feeling that there's just not enough: enough of God, enough of me, enough food, enough health care to go around, enough mercy to include and forgive all faults. The problem is exacerbated by the fact that the human mind is actually incapable of imagining anything infinite or eternal. So it cannot imagine an infinite love or a God whose "love is everlasting," as the Psalms continually shout. In other words, the mind of itself cannot know God.

The many "multiplication of food" stories in the Gospels—when Jesus feeds a crowd with very little (for example, Matthew 14:15-21)—clearly exemplify abundance as the foundation of reality. The spiritual point is grace, not some mere physical miracle. Notice in almost every case that the good apostles, who represent our worldview of scarcity, advise Jesus against feeding the crowd: "But how will two fish and five loaves be enough for so many?" Jesus is trying to move them from their worldview of scarcity to one of abundance, but does so with great difficulty. In the end, there is always much food left over, which should communicate the point: Reality, with its inherent overflowing, always has more than enough of itself to give. Just observe the seeds, spermatozoa, and pollen of the natural world."

-Richard Rohr



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