

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The 20th Sunday after Pentecost

October 27, 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 Reverend Bill Tarter

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: Karen Coverett

Sub-Deacon: Matthew Cook

Audio: John McLaren

Readers: Margaret Walker, Chris Eve

Verger: Rand Harrison

Gospel: Graeme Brown

Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine,

Sermon: The Reverend Bill Tarter

The Sutton Organ Scholar, The MacRae Choral Scholars

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 380)

HANOVER

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.**

GLORIA



Priest: Glo - ry be to God__ on high__

Choir: And on earth peace, good will towards all.



All: We praise__ you__

Choir: We bless you.



All: We wor - ship__ you.

Choir: We glorify you.



All: We give_ thanks to__ you__ for your_ great glo - ry.

Choir: O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.



All: O Lord, the on - ly be - got - ten Son, Je - sus__ Christ.

Choir: O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.

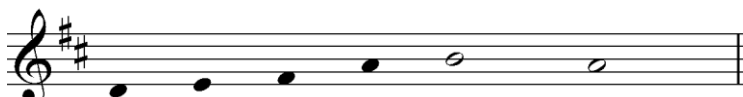


All: You take a way_ the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

Choir: You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.



All: You are seat - ed at the right hand of God the Fa - ther,



have mer - cy up - on us.

Choir: For you only are holy.



All: You on - ly__ are__ the__ Lord.

Choir: You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father.



All: A - - - men. _____

Translation: Book of Common Prayer, modernised. / Music: Missa viii, 'De Angelis'.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

God beyond our knowing,
we make you into an idol
to serve our own needs.
Humble our arrogance
by the strangeness of your coming
and the wonder of your mercy;
through Jesus Christ, the friend of Pharisees and tax collectors.

All: **Amen.**

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Joel 2:23-32

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM *(sung by the choir)*

65

You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, because of their transgressions.
Our sins are stronger than we are, but you will blot them out.
Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! They will be
satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.
Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, O
Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.
You make fast the mountains by your power; they are girded about with might.
You still the roaring of the seas, the roaring of their waves, and the clamour of the
peoples.
Those who dwell at the ends of the heart will tremble at your marvellous signs; you
make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.
You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; the river of
God is full of water.
You prepare the grain, for so you provide for the earth.

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
You crown the year with your goodness, and your paths overflow with plenty.
May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, and the hills be clothed with joy.
May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; let them shout for joy and sing.

THE EPISTLE

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (CP 171)

SHARPTHORNE

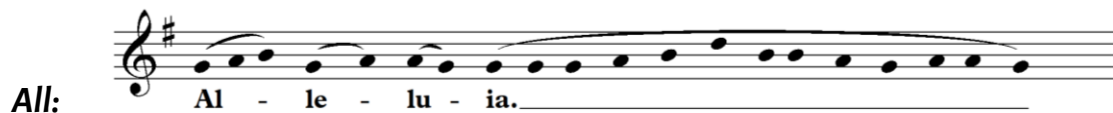
THE GOSPEL

Luke 18:9-14

Before the Gospel



Cantor: God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and he has entrusted us with the message of reconciliation.



All: Al - le - lu - ia. _____

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 (NEH 294)

SAFFRON WALDEN

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

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

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.
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:

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

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)*

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.

*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.*

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:

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

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 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:

O sacrum convivium, in quo Christus sumitur; recolitur memoria passionis eius;
mens impletur gratia; et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur.

*O sacred banquet, wherein Christ is received; the memorial of his passion is renewed;
the soul is filled with grace; and a pledge of future glory is given to us.*

Text: Eucharistic hymn. / Music: Stephanie Martin.

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 345)

GWALCHMAI

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 NOVEMBER 3RD – ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS SUNDAY

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18 A pious Jew writing in second century BCE encourages his persecuted people with stories of Daniel and his dreams.

Psalms 149 A song of celebration praises God's saving acts and promises.

Ephesians 1:11-23 Addressed to saints, these words speak of the hope, power and riches of Christ and the rule of Christ.

Luke 6:20-31 Undermining conventional wisdom, Jesus speaks of the blessings and woes within God's kingdom.

FLOWERS – GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

In loving memory of Ian , husband, father, and grandfather, from Anne Hay and family.

Office Hours 9am – 12 Noon Monday to Friday

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today

11:45 am	Sunday Reflections	Denson Lounge
12 Noon	Refugee Meeting – party planning	Walking Together Chapel

Monday 28

12:15 pm	Pastoral Care Team Meeting	Denson Lounge
1:00 pm	Garden Eucharist	Memorial Garden
1:30 pm	The Divine Knitters	Denson Lounge
2:00 pm	Book Study	Chapel

Tuesday 29

2:00 pm	Refugee Support Group Meeting	Denson Lounge
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Wednesday 30

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 31

10:30 am	Social Justice Action Group (SJAG)	Denson Lounge
12:10 pm	Meditative Eucharist	Chapel

Friday, November 1

10:00 am	Food Bank	Church Basement
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Saturday 2

Clocks fall back 1 hour

Sunday 3

8:00 am	Holy Communion	Chapel
10:00 am	All Saints Parish Eucharist	Church
7:30 pm	All Souls - Evensong with Commemoration of the Faithful Departed	Church

EVENTS

Reminder for Refugee Support Group members: Our meeting to determine the format of our January party is at noon today in the Walking Together Chapel.

Next 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.**

Family Ministry in November

(contact Ruth through the church office for details)

Nov. 3 - All Saints at Goldstream

everyone is welcome 2-4pm in the picnic area
a chance to remember & celebrate
hot dogs and hot chocolate provided
please bring your own travel mug

Nov. 17 Liturgy for All Ages

everyone is welcome 7-8pm
soup at (6:30 pm) for the belly
story and song for the soul

Nov. 22 - kidspace

6:30-8:00 pm in the parish house
for kids in grades 3-5

active, fun and challenging, with a focus on friendship and belonging

St. John's Social Justice and Action Group presents

Climate Crisis - The Call to Action is NOW

Two presentations by public health and ecological educators and advocates with extensive knowledge of the problem and who are organizing to address it followed by discussion:

Thursday, November 7, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

"Welcome to the Anthropocene: Towards a One Planet Region"

a talk by Dr. Trevor Hancock, Professor of Public Health and Senior Researcher, U Vic.

Thursday, December 5, 7:00 to 8:30 pm

"Environmental Violence: Trying to Understand, Confront, and Reduce our Damages"

a talk by Dr. Rick Kool, Professor of Environment and Sustainability. Royal Roads University

Both sessions in the Denson Lounge. Tea, coffee and cookies will be served.

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.

Ghebremeskel Family - If you would like to contribute to the dental treatment fund for the wife and mother of the Ghebremeskel family , Tsigay, you can do that by making out a cheque to the Church of St. John the Divine, with the notation Newcomer Dental Treatment. Thank you from the family and the support group.

Out of the Rain News:

Our weekly night shelter for homeless kids is now open. 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.

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

Finance Committee Report for Third Quarter 2019

The Finance Committee provides this operating statement for January 1 to September 30, 2019, to keep you informed of St. John the Divine's financial status relative to the budget approved by Vestry. Detailed financial statements are also posted monthly on the bulletin board at the front of the church. We continue to closely monitor our finances and to explain our financial story as we strive to keep daily operating costs down, reduce our deficit, and increase revenues while maintaining our church building.

9 months ending 30th Sept (amounts in dollars)	Year to Date		As a % of
	Actual	Budget	Budget
Givings	274,010	290,250	94%
Rental Income	73,207	76,320	96%
Other Fundraising	5,843	6,000	97%
Memorials and Bequests	46,180	-	
Revenues	399,240	372,570	107%
Clergy	107,360	109,377	98%
Worship and Music	68,826	73,476	94%
Diocesan Assessment	71,122	71,122	100%
Family Ministry	30,491	30,897	99%
Building, (excluding Capital Projects)	94,894	89,550	106%
Administration	66,310	72,754	91%
Other Operating Expense	(605)	-	
Expenses	438,396	447,176	98%
Net Operating Revenue	(39,156)	(74,606)	52%
OTHER REVENUE & EXPENSES			
Investment Income	25,449	24,750	103%
Capital Expenditures	94,503	107,250	88%
Year to Date Net	(94,115)	(157,106)	

Givings continue to be less than planned, but there is a trend to more electronic giving, and fewer envelopes.

So far, overall Operating Expenses are also less than planned, which helps us stay on budget.

Also, we have received several bequests in 2019, (one for \$76,524).

Our policy is to take only a portion of this into current revenue, so our Legacies and Special Gifts Fund has grown by \$66,524.

In Capital Expenditures are amounts needed to finish the Sanctuary Lighting, Chapel Refurbishment, and other needed projects. The budget includes \$48,000 for the ramp.

The Longer Term

As we start Budget preparation for 2020, we must remember our Operating Budget for 2019 has a deficit of \$98,676, which was a step along our planned road to balancing our Operating Budget within 5 years. In Vestry 2019, we also adopted our Strategic Plan, which is evolving into a Capital Plan for the next 5-10 years. This Capital Plan will strive to plan future projects with funding in place. This contrasts with the Sanctuary Lighting project, which was underfunded when it had to be started – donations are still welcome to reduce the current shortfall of \$64,339.

SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey.

Fall Song by Mary Oliver

Another year gone, leaving everywhere
its rich spiced residues: vines, leaves,

the uneaten fruits crumbling damply
in the shadows, unmaterring back

from the particular island
of this summer, this NOW, that now is nowhere

except underfoot, moldering
in that black subterranean castle

of unobservable mysteries - roots and sealed seeds
and the wanderings of water. This

I try to remember when time's measure
painfully chafes, for instance when autumn

flares out at the last, boisterous and like us longing
to stay - how everything lives, shifting

from one bright vision to another, forever
in these momentary pastures.



THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

STEWARDS

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Rector's Warden: Chris Eve

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