THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

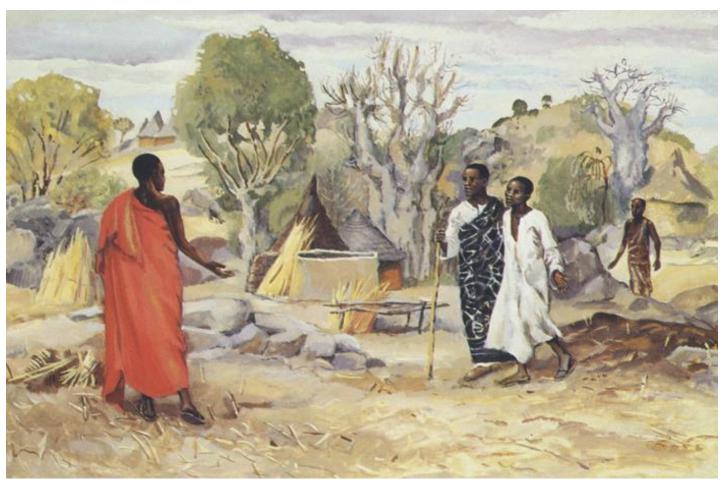
The 2nd Sunday after Epiphany

January 19, 2020

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.



JESUS MAFA. The first two disciples, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.

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 Canon Kevin Arndt

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 **Deacon:** The Reverend Patrick Sibley **Readers:** Doug Henderson, Virginia Miller **Sermon:** The Venerable Alastair McCollum **Intercessor:** Karen Coverett Audio: Pat Payne Verger: Rand Harrison Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine, The Sutton Organ Scholar, The MacRae Choral Scholars Mass Setting: Communion Service in F, Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)

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 378)

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.

DIADEMATA

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

Almighty God, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

40:1-12

Isaiah 49:1-7

I waited patiently upon the Lord; he stooped to me and heard my cry.

He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.

Happy are they who trust in the Lord! They do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God! How great your wonders and your plans for us! There is none who can be compared with you.

Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! But they are more than I can count. In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure (you have given me ears to hear you); Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, and so I said, "Behold, I come. In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: 'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart."

I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.

Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

THE EPISTLE

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (CP 319)

The Gospel

Before the Gospel



Deacon or choir: Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations; and believed in throughout the world.



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

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.

Тне Реасе

Please stand.

The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

All may offer their neighbour a sign of peace.

ΝΑΤΙVITY

John 1:29-42

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THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN (CP 482)

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Living God, you have revealed your Son as the Messiah. May we hear his word and follow it, and live as children of light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All:

All: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prayer 3, Book of Alternative Services



Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; by water and the Holy Spirit you have made us a holy people in Jesus Christ our Lord; you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us, to show forth your glory in all the world. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the holy people who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS (sung by the choir)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts, Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

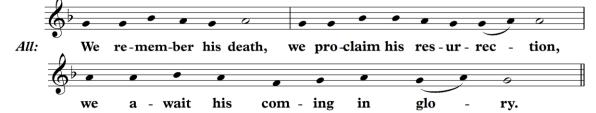
Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; **BEACH SPRING**

and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread: and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,



and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ

and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,

that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light

where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation,

the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ambrosian Chant

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

All: God here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI (sung by the choir)

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

All are invited to receive communion. Please follow the Greeters' instructions. Receiving bread or wine is considered full communion. It is the practice of the ACC not to dip the bread into the wine. Any not receiving communion are invited to receive a blessing, and to indicate that by holding their arms crossed on their chest.

If you are unable to come forward for communion please make this known to the Greeters and we will bring communion to you.

Gluten free wafers for communion are available. Please request them from the person who is distributing the bread.

Ministry of Healing

We invite those wishing prayer for themselves or on behalf of someone else to come to the front of the line to receive the bread and wine. Immediately after receiving, go to the prayer station in the south Quadra entrance. Briefly state your need. The prayer team will lay hands on your shoulders and will pray quietly for you.

ANTHEM DURING COMMUNION

Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee? Gave thee life, and bid thee feed, By the stream and o'er the mead; Gave thee clothing of delight, Softest clothing woolly, bright; Gave thee such a tender voice, Make all the vales rejoice? Little Lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee? John Taverner (1944-2013): "The Lamb" Little Lamb, I'll tell thee, Little Lamb, I'll tell thee: He is called by thy name, For He calls Himself a Lamb. He is meek, and He is mild: He became a little child. I a child, and thou a lamb, We are called by His name. Little Lamb, God bless thee! Little Lamb. God bless thee!

Following the Communion there will be a pause for Silence.

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

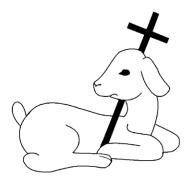
Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

All: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn (NEH 476)

VOLUNTARY

You are invited to be seated for the Voluntary or to leave at this point. Coffee, tea and Brunch will be served in the Parish Hall.



PADERBORN

Readings for January 26 - The 3rd Sunday After Epiphany

Isaiah 9:1-4 In a time of political insecurity Isaiah declares the light of God's promised redemption already shining.

Psalm 27:1, 5-13 While facing hostility and fear, the psalmist expresses confidence and trust in God. **1 Corinthians 1:10-18** Paul exhorts the Corinthians to realize the unity that has eluded them.

Matthew 4:12-23 The presence of God in Jesus is imaged as light, a light that attracts disciples as it spreads good news.

FLOWERS

In memory of Alan, a loving, kind and thoughtful brother, father, husband and friend, from Sue Fraser and family.

Office Hours 9am–12 Noon Monday to Friday

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today

11:30 am	Parish Brunch	Hall
2:00 pm	Pflag	Denson Lounge
6:00 pm	Simple Eucharist	Church
Monday 20		
1:00 pm	Garden Eucharist	Memorial Garden
1:30 pm	The Divine Knitters	Denson Lounge
2:00 pm	Book Study – "Speaking Christian"	Walking Together Chapel
Tuesday 21		
10:00 am	Food Bank	Church Basement
12:10 pm	Meditative Eucharist	Chapel
7:00 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Denson Lounge
7:00 pm	Alliance Club Cooking	Hall Kitchen
Wednesday 22		
7:45 am	Holy Communion followed by Breakfast	Chapel/Denson Lounge
9:30 am	Sermon Circle	Denson Lounge
2:00 pm	Funeral for Marcia Williams	Church
Thursday 23		
5:30 pm	Holy Communion	Denson Lounge
Friday 24		
6:30 pm	kidspace	Church and Parish House
Sunday 26		
8:00 am	Holy Communion	Chapel
10:00 am	Parish Eucharist	Church
11:45 am	Sunday Reflections	Denson Lounge

EVENTS

This evening there will be a Simple Eucharist at 6:00 pm.

Reel Thought and the Social Justice Action Group present "Five Broken Cameras"

with commentary by Dr. Martin Bunton, Department of History, UVic Wednesday, January 29th, at 7:00 pm, in the Denson Lounge.

This award-winning documentary, jointly directed by Palestinian farmer Emad Burnat and Israeli film maker Guy Davidi, is an inspiring, and at the same time profoundly disconcerting, study of the daily challenges of Palestinians living in the West Bank and their relations with both the encroaching Israeli settlements and the Israeli Army. It portrays the attempts of Burnat and his neighbours in the community of Bil'it to combat non-violently their treatment as strangers in their own land. The film, made roughly ten years ago, has continuing relevance, not least because of the recent decision of the Trump administration not to oppose Israeli settlement in the territory.

Dr. Bunton is an expert in Middle Eastern history and is author of the concise, eminently readable, and balanced study, *The Palestinian-Israeli Conflict: A Very Short Introduction* (Oxford University Press, 2013).

Linen Workshop

On Thursday, January 30th at 9:30 am we will be holding a workshop to repair church hangings and sew some new linens. If you can help with this project please speak to Gerry Melville. We will be doing both hand and machine sewing.

Are you interested in becoming an occasional lesson reader for one of our worship services?

If so, you should know that the diocese requires you to be trained. Training sessions for this year are scheduled for February 2nd and February 16th.

For more information contact Al Lehmann at 250-478-7862.

Vestry Annual Reports are to be submitted no later than Wed., Feb. 12th. Please email them to Carol-Ann at the office: admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca

Food Bank Fundraiser!! February 23 is the date!! 2:00 pm is the time!! Get your tickets from the Church office and come out to hear the Greater Victoria Police Choir Concert. The tickets are a bargain price of \$20 each and you will be supporting the St. John's Food Bank. Bring all your friends. The choir is phenomenal!!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you have not yet returned your **2020 pledge card**, please do so soon as we need this information to prepare as accurate a budget as we can.

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.

PWRDF MOMENT: AUSTRALIAN WILD FIRES!

PWRDF has been in contact with our counterparts on the Australian Board of Mission and Anglican Overseas Aid, both agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia and fellow members of the Anglican Alliance. PWRDF announced a \$5,000 solidarity grant to be given to the Anglican Board of Mission's bushfire appeal, which has been set up to accept overseas donations.

Those wishing to give to the Australian bushfire appeal, click on https://pwrdf.org/givetoday/ then choose 'Emergency Response'. Or, mail your cheque to PWRDF, 80 Hayden Street, 3rd floor, Toronto, M4Y 3G2 (indicating Australia appeal on the cheque) or call toll-free at 1-866-308-7973. Indicate your parish and diocese, and please do not leave credit card information on a voice mail. PWRDF will provide tax receipts later. Because this is an emergency appeal, it is best to give directly to PWRDF in this way, since if you give through your parish your donation may not arrive in time.

Murray Luft & Pat Payne, St. John's PWRDF Reps.

FOOD DONATION! We of the Food Bank wanted everyone at St John's to know of the generosity of the owner of Wellburn's Food Market.

As many of you will know Wellburn's have closed their doors. Last week the church got a phone call saying that we could come and shop for free. They gave us a half hour to shop for anything from the shelves that we wanted for the Food Bank. We managed to fill two vans with items, picking up a good supply of canned meats, cereals, spaghetti sauce, frozen meals and much more. Such a bonus for our Food Bank clients! **THANK YOU WELLBURN'S!**

New for 2020 – the January Blue Envelope is for Street Hope Victoria

The Street Hope motor home operates two evenings a week a couple of blocks from our church. Volunteers welcome people of all ages for homemade soup, sandwiches, hot chocolate, juice, cookies and fruit.

Hungry people find food, support and conversation as well as other essentials such as warm clothing and toiletries.

If you are interested in making soup or volunteering for a shift in the motor home, email victoria@streethope.org For more information, visit the Street Hope Victoria website at victoria.streethope.org or talk to Chris Eve.

The new 2020 flower calendar is now in place. Please consider giving flowers sometime during the year. When giving flowers, please be sure to mark your cheque with the date of the dedication.

Tenants of the St. John's Court Residence require a tall but relatively thin (not deep) book case for their entrance lobby. Please contact Dale Stephenson, Custodian if you are willing to donate and deliver this used item. Thanks, Joan McKay

Blue Envelopes - SPECIAL OFFERING FOR OUTREACH MINISTRY

Each year the Parish Council chooses 12 outreach ministries so that envelope subscribers may direct their gifts to specific ministries. The money collected and distributed is not part of the budget. Regular white envelopes support the operation of the church, the "Outreach Ministries" are above and beyond this, addressing issues we care about as a church. Like the regular white envelopes, a tax receipt is issued at year end. Each month the special outreach ministry is advertised in the Bulletin and in church. Please note the list of participants on the bulletin board just inside the church near the garden door.

LET JUSTICE ROLL #8

The new "Let Justice Roll" Newsletter is now available to interested St. John's parishioners. The main theme of Issue #8 is "Peace, Non-Violence and Disarmament". We include a contribution by local peace activist Bill Geimer and an interview with the world's best-known whistle blower and anti-nuclear crusader, Daniel Ellsberg. Also, Eric Sama is profiled in this issue as one of our parish "justice champions"; Anne Moon reflects on Remembrance Day; Sara Chu reminds us that "The Times They Are A-Changin'"; and John McLaren offers a timely tribute to Peggy Wilmot. And ... there's a whole lot more, including articles on the Gospel according to Bruce Cockburn; Race Reparations in the US Episcopal Church; and thought-provoking reflections by Richard Rohr, Jim Wallis and Frankie Schaeffer. Pick up your print copy (free) at either entrance to the Sanctuary, outside of the Church office, or in the Church Hall at Sunday coffee hour.

SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey.

"Hope, on one hand, is an absurdity too embarrassing to speak about, for it flies in the face of all those claims we have been told are facts. Hope is the refusal to accept the reading of reality which is the majority opinion; and one does that only at great political and existential risk. On the other hand, hope is subversive, for it limits the grandiose pretension of the present, daring to announce that the present to which we have all made commitments is now called into question."

Walter Brueggemann, The Prophetic Imagination

John 1:38ff

"The disciples reply to Jesus' question not with an answer to his question, but by calling him Rabbi. In this, they proclaim who Jesus is in a relational way. Their assertion follows John's proclamation that this is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world with something more personal that sets them in relationship with the one who will be the Messiah. They declare him their teacher, and take their place as his students. They indicate a desire to remain with him, presumably to learn what he has to teach them. They never answer his question about what they are looking for. Instead, they try to figure out how to stay in his presence. It is as if Jesus' question "what are you looking for?" is more of an open-ended invitation to them, and they eagerly jump at the opportunity."

Elizabeth Lovell Millford

Making the Case for "Living Without Oil?" Keynote Address Presented by John Gunton, PhD

January 30th – 7:00 to 9:00 pm University of Victoria, David Turpin Building, Room A 110 Cost: Free – Everyone Welcomed – Registration Required Please see bulletin board in the garden entrance for how to register and for detailed information on the series.

The Keynote Address introduces a 2-part series starting on Saturday, February 8th, and ending Saturday, March 28th. It will lay the groundwork for why it is important to live without oil by considering technologies potentially capable of helping society achieve these goals. While these technologies have been around for many years, there is now a need for a quicker development pace. Each of the series' eight presentations is given by experts in their fields who will endeavour to show us what the continued development of these technologies has to offer society and the climate.

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