

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The 3rd Sunday in Lent

March 15, 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 (baptism, communion and marriage) are available to all people on equal terms. Christ welcomes you, and so do we.



Jesus and the Samaritan Woman" by Paolo Veronese, circa 1585

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. Gluten free wafers are available: Please indicate if you need one.

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.

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 at 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 Reverend Canon Kevin Arndt **Intercessor:** Jamie Lawson

Deacon: The Reverend Patrick Sibley **Audio:** Joel Durkovic

Readers: Doug Henderson, Harriet Kendrick **Verger:**

Sermon: The Reverend Bill Tarter

A Nursery for children 3 and under is available from 10 am until the start of the Eucharist.

There is no choir today as church groups and meetings have been cancelled as part of the response to the coronavirus situation. Congregational singing has also been reduced to limit the opportunity for transmission.

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

THE BLESSING OF WATER

A short meditation is played by the organ.

Please turn to face the west end of the church.

Minister: Blessed are you, loving God, creator of the Universe,

All: For you have blessed your people with the gift of water.

As the minister pours water into the baptismal font the following is prayed:

Minister: Gracious God, you have made water. We give thanks for water as it brings life in every place that it flows. We remember how your people cried out for water in their journey to the Promised Land. We remember how Moses struck the rock and water flowed forth to revive your people.

We remember how Jesus sat at the well with the Samaritan woman and offered her living waters. We remember the living waters of our baptism and we give thanks for being your children.

All: For your water brings life.

As this water is blessed we recall that water is found in the essence of our lives. We recall that Jesus is the source of all living water. We pray in our thirst to receive and give the living waters of love to each other.

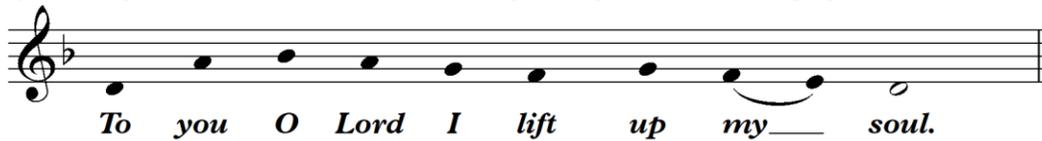
Minister: Blessed are you, loving God, creator of the Universe,

All: For you have blessed your people with the gift of water.

ENTRANCE PSALM

25:1-2, 15-17, 19

The refrain is repeated by all after the cantor at the beginning, and then sung by all after each set of verses.



To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me. Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. **Refrain**

Turn to me and have pity on me, for I am left alone and in misery. The sorrows of my heart have increased; bring me out of my troubles. **Refrain**

Look upon my adversity and misery and forgive me all my sin. Protect my life and deliver me; let me not be put to shame, for I have trusted in you. **Refrain**

GREETING

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.

CONFESSION

Christ the great reconciler calls us to be reconciled to God, one another, and within ourselves.

Let us open ourselves to God's calling to healing and wholeness and acknowledge our brokenness and longing.

KYRIE ELEISON

All respond with the Kyrie Eleison (English translation: Lord have mercy/Christ have mercy/Lord have mercy).

Musical notation for the Kyrie Eleison. The melody is written on a single staff in G major (one flat) and 4/4 time. The notes are: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (half). The lyrics are: "Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son." The word "son" is underlined in the first two lines, and "son." is underlined in the last two lines.

Ferial mass, Gregorian, xvii.

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life,
may we always thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness;
through him who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All: 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 PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Exodus 17:1-7

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Sung or recited by a cantor or reader.

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him
with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our Maker.
For he is our God, and we are the people of this pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Harden not your hearts, as your forebears did in the wilderness, at Meribah, and on
that day at Massah, when they tempted me.

They put me to the test, though they had seen my works.

Forty years long I detested that generation and said, "This people are wayward in their
hearts; they do not know my ways."

So I swore in my wrath, "They shall not enter into my rest."

THE EPISTLE

Romans 5:1-11

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

John 4:5-42

Before the Gospel

Cantor: Praise to you O Christ, **All:** King of e - ter - nal glo - ry!

*Deacon or cantor: The Lord is a great God; O that today you would listen to his voice;
harden not your hearts.*

All: Praise to you O Christ, King of e - ter - nal glo - ry!

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

Let us declare the faith of the Church as we say,

All: Hear, O Israel;
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PEACE

Please stand.

The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN (CP 508)

KINGSFOLD

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Spring of life and Source of goodness,
receive all we offer you this day,
and bring us to the living water,
Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord.

All: Amen.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2

Priest: The Lord be with you. *All:* And also 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.

Eternal God, Source of all being,
we give you thanks and praise for your faithful love.
You call us into friendship with you and one another

to be your holy people, a sign of your presence in the world.
 When those we trust betray us, unfailingly you remain with us.
 When we injure others, you confront us in your love
 and call us to the paths of righteousness.
 You stand with the weak, and those, broken and alone,
 whom you have always welcomed home,
 making the first last, and the last first.
 Therefore we raise our voices with angels and archangels,
 forever praising you and singing:

SANCTUS

Cantor: Ho - ly, *All:* Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of power and might.
 Heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san - na in the high-est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Blessed are you, O Holy One:
 when Hagar was driven into the wilderness
 you followed her and gave her hope.
 When Joseph was sold into bondage,
 you turned malice to your people's good.
 When you called Israel out of slavery,
 you brought them through the wilderness into the promised land.
 When your people were taken into exile
 you wept with them by the river of Babylon and carried them home.

All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

At the right time you sent your Anointed One
 to stand with the poor, the outcast, and the oppressed.
 Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.
 He accepted water from a woman of Samaria and offered her the water of new life.
 Christ knew the desolation of the cross and opened the way for all humanity
 into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed,
Jesus, at supper with his friends, took bread, gave you thanks,
broke the bread, gave it to them, and said,

Take and 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.

Loving and Holy One,
recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts,
longing for the bread of tomorrow and the wine of the age to come.

Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**All: Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.**

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts

that through them you may sustain us in our hunger for your peace.

We hold before you all whose lives are marked by suffering, our sisters and brothers.

When we are broken and cast aside, embrace us in your love.

All: Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all honour and glory are yours,

O Source of all life,

now and for ever.



All: A men A - men A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread,

All: Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Let your Church be the wheat
which bears its fruit in dying.

**All: If we have died with him,
we shall live with him;
if we hold firm,
we shall reign with him.**

THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

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.

Following the Communion there will be a pause for silence.

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;
by it you nourish our faith, increase our hope, and strengthen our love:
teach us always to hunger for the true and living bread,
and enable us to live by every word that proceeds from out of your mouth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Common Worship

All: Amen.

Glory to God,

**All: whose power, working within us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
and the blessing of...

All: Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

VOLUNTARY

You are invited to be seated for the Voluntary or to leave at this point.

READINGS FOR MARCH 22ND – THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

1 Samuel 16:1-13 God surprises with the choice of young David.

Psalms 23 The deepest possible trust in God is expressed.

Ephesians 5:8-14 Those in Christ have passed from old destructive ways to a new, enlightened existence.

John 9:1-41 Jesus heals a man born blind, giving rise to much controversy—a humorous dispute really, but with sad consequences.

The five Sundays before Passion Sunday will have a Water Rite at the beginning of the Eucharist. The purpose of the Rite is to draw attention to the sacredness of water within our faith tradition. This also goes along with Bishop Logan's request that we study the book, *Watershed Discipleship*.

Water is considered a primordial element of creation. This means that it existed prior to the Creation Story found in the first chapter of Genesis. The other primordial element is wind. Scripture is rich with references to water. We know that water is essential for life and without water there is no life. The springs, streams, and rivers are the living waters that allow life to flourish. Water is a sign of God's blessing and to be near restful waters is a gift from God. And as one of the central actions of faith we know that Jesus was baptized in the River Jordan and from those baptismal waters flow our death to selfishness and our birth into God's love and healing. Jesus promises us living water. The New Jerusalem has the stream of living waters flowing through it. Lent is a great time to ponder the blessing of water.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Office Hours 9am – 12 Noon Monday to Friday

All activities, weekday services and groups are cancelled until further notice.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Prayer Group prays through the week; to request confidential prayers for yourself or others contact Jane Reid (jreid7@telus.net) or leave the request at the church office.

Requests for intercessory prayer may be made by filling out a Prayer Request Card (at the back of the church on the west wall) or by emailing the information on the card to: admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca. Prayer is the bedrock of our relationship with God through Christ. Prayers are read at Sunday and weekday services.

The Special Monthly Envelope for March is the Primate's World Relief and Development Fund (PWRDF)

Lent is a time for St. John's parishioners to remember the needs of the world. The Primate's World Relief & Development Fund (PWRDF) has been the Anglican Church of Canada's relief and development arm for over 60 years. PWRDF provides sustainable development assistance and emergency relief to the poor in over 20 countries, as well as impoverished First Nations communities in Canada. Pat Payne and Murray Luft will be available to answer questions you might have about the health, education, income-generating, and emergency/relief projects which are currently funded by PWRDF and implemented by capable local partners. Thank you for your generous support via the Blue Envelope project!



Please consider dedicating a lily for Easter Day in memory of someone or in thanksgiving for someone or special occasion. Your dedication can be sent to Carol-Ann and a cheque dropped at the office or in the collection plate. Cost: \$13. Deadline to order is Wednesday, March 18th. Thank you.

A huge thank you to my church family for all the love and prayers sent to me these past few months. It has meant so much! Also thank you for all the phone calls, cards, visits, weekly leaflets, cookies, and poinsettia at Christmas. Love, Marilyn Moody

St. John's has a **Pastoral Care Team** that is able to make pastoral visits to parishioners who are unable to attend services for various reasons. If you know of people in this position, please let them know of this Ministry. Visits can be arranged by contacting the interim chair of the Pastoral Care Committee: Elizabeth McAuley.

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