

# The Church of St. John the Divine

*The 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter*

*May 3, 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.

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***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.

***Social Distancing:*** In these times when we must practice social distancing our Sunday Services will be done remotely. You may find a link on our parish website

<https://www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca/>

Other worship services will also be posted. If our service seems unfamiliar, please follow the cues from our leaflet which is also posted on the web page.

**Contacting Us:** We are all learning ways to build community "at a distance." We are checking phone messages and answering emails. The main email for contact is: [admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca](mailto:admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca). If you wish to receive prayer for yourself or for another, there will be members of our Healing Prayer group who will offer their prayers. Please contact: the church office at the above email address.

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.

# 10:00 am Parish Eucharist

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

**Officiant:** The Reverend Grant Crosswell

**Readers:** Pat Payne, Al Lehmann

**Gospel:** The Reverend Patrick Sibley

**Sermon:** The Venerable Alastair McCollum

**Intercessor:** Jamie Lawson

**Zoom Technician:** Karen Coverett

**Music:** David Stratkauskas (organist),

Anne van der Sloot (MacRae Choral Scholar)

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## The Gathering of the Community

Opening Hymn (NEH 101)

Deus Tuorum Militum

- 1. The lamb's high banquet called to share  
arrayed in garments white and fair,  
the Red Sea past, we long to sing  
to Jesus our triumphant king.**
- 2. Now Christ our Passover is slain  
the Lamb of God without a stain;  
his flesh, the true unleavened bread,  
is truly our oblation made.**
- 3. We hymn thee rising from the grave,  
from death returning, strong to save;  
thine own right hand the tyrant chains  
and paradise for us regains.**
- 4. All praise be thine, O risen Lord,  
from death to endless life restored;  
all praise to God the Father be  
and Holy Ghost, eternally. Amen.**

Text: Latin, probably 7<sup>th</sup> century. Tr. J. M. Neale (1818-1866).

## Gathering

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**All: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May Christ's grace and peace be with you.

**All: May God fill our hearts with joy.**

## Lighting of the Family Candle

### The Church Family Prayer

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, and especially for our  
young people now, tucked in their homes, surrounded by your love! We pray  
for the adults who care for them. Bless them, and each of us, in fun and  
learning, in friendship, and love. Amen.**

## The Collect of the Day

*Silence is kept*

O God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
by the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make us perfect in every good work to do your will,  
and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

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## The Proclamation of the Word

### The First Reading

Acts 2:42-47

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm

23:1-4, 6

The Lord is my shepherd therefore can I lack nothing.

He shall feed me in a green pasture and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

### The Second Reading

1 Peter 2:19-25

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

'He committed no sin,  
and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## The Gospel

John 10:1-10

God is with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Here the Good news of Jesus Christ according to John.

**All: Glory to you, O Christ.**

‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again, Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

*Following the sermon there will be a pause for silence.*

## Instrumental Meditation

## Prayers of the People

*Please stand, sit, or kneel as is your custom for prayer.*

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## The Celebration of our Eucharistic Faith

Though we are unable to share in Bread and Wine,  
we remember that we are people of God, joined together by the love of Christ.  
That we are incorporated into the body of Christ.

We remember our sharing in bread and wine  
is a symbol of our sharing in Christ's body and blood.  
And we join together in this celebration of our union in Christ.

## The General Thanksgiving

God is here.

**All: God's Spirit is with us.**

Let us give thanks to God the Creator.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Hear the words of Scripture, the story of how our Sacrament began.

1 Corinthians 11: 23-27

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, 'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Let us pray.

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given us. For all the pains and insults you have borne for us. Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly, day by day.

**All: Amen.**

Almighty God, giver of grace, we your servants give you most humble and hearty thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ, for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And give us, we pray, such a sense of all your mercies that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we show forth your praise, not only with our lips but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

As Christ taught his friends, and longing for the new life of God's reign,  
let us pray

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

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## The Commissioning of the Community

### The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**All: And also with you.**

### The Blessing

### Dismissal

### Final Hymn (NEH 114)

- 1. Now is eternal life,  
If risen with Christ we stand,  
In him to life reborn,  
And holden in his hand;  
No more we fear death's ancient dread,  
In Christ arisen from the dead.**
- 2. For God, the living God,  
Stooped down to man's estate;  
By death destroying death,  
Christ opened wide life's gate:  
He lives, who died; he reigns on high;  
Who lives in him shall never die.**
- 3. Unfathomed love divine,  
Reign thou within my heart;  
From thee nor depth nor height,  
Nor life nor death can part;  
My life is hid in God with thee,  
Now and through all eternity.**
- 4. Thee will I love and serve  
Now in time's passing day;  
Thy hand shall hold me fast  
When time is done away,  
In God's unknown eternal spheres  
To serve him through eternal years.**

Text: G. W. Briggs (1875-1959).

*Our coffee hour will take place 15 minutes after the service has finished, continuing here in our Zoom meeting.*

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# 7:30 pm Choral Evensong

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

**Officiant:** The Reverend Patrick Sibley

**Music:** David Stratkauskas (organ); Anne van der Sloot (MacRae Choral Scholar)

**Lectionary:** Church of England, 2<sup>nd</sup> Service

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## Responses

*Cantor:* O Lord, open thou our lips

*Choir:* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise

*Cantor:* O God, make speed to save us.

*Choir:* O Lord, make haste to help us.

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

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

*Cantor:* Praise ye the Lord;

*Choir:* The Lord's name be praised.

## Psalm

29:1-10

Ascribe unto the LORD, O ye mighty, / ascribe unto the LORD worship  
and strength.

Give unto the LORD the honour due unto his Name; / worship the LORD with  
holy worship.

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; / it is the glorious God that maketh the  
thunder, even the LORD upon many waters.

The voice of the LORD is mighty in operation; / the voice of the LORD is a  
glorious voice.

The voice of the LORD breaketh the cedar- trees; / yea, the LORD breaketh the  
cedars of Lebanon.

He maketh Lebanon to skip like a calf, / and Sirion like a young ox.

The voice of the LORD divideth the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shaketh  
the wilder- ness; / yea, the LORD shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD maketh the hinds to bring forth young, and strippeth bare  
the forests: / in his temple doth every thing speak of his honour.

THE LORD sitteth above the water-flood, / and the LORD remaineth a King  
for ever.

The LORD shall give strength unto his peo- ple; / the LORD shall give his people  
the blessing of peace.



And when the seventh month was come, and the children of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem.

Then stood up Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt offerings thereon, as it is written in the law of Moses the man of God.

And they set the altar upon his bases; for fear was upon them because of the people of those countries: and they offered burnt offerings thereon unto the LORD, even burnt offerings morning and evening. They kept also the feast of tabernacles, as it is written, and offered the daily burnt offerings by number, according to the custom, as the duty of every day required; And afterward offered the continual burnt offering, both of the new moons, and of all the set feasts of the LORD that were consecrated, and of every one that willingly offered a freewill offering unto the LORD. From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt offerings unto the LORD. But the foundation of the temple of the LORD was not yet laid.

They gave money also unto the masons, and to the carpenters; and meat, and drink, and oil, unto them of Zidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar trees from Lebanon to the sea of Joppa, according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia.

Now in the second year of their coming unto the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, began Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and the remnant of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem; and appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to set forward the work of the house of the LORD. Then stood Jeshua with his sons and his brethren, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, together, to set forward the workmen in the house of God: the sons of Henadad, with their sons and their brethren the Levites. And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of the LORD, they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise the LORD, after the ordinance of David king of Israel.

And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised the LORD, because the foundation of the house of the LORD was laid. But many of the priests and Levites and chief of the fathers, who were ancient men, that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy: So that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people: for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

## Magnificat

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

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

## Second Lesson

Ephesians 2:13-end

But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace; And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints, and of the household of God; And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit.

## Nunc Dimittis

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

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. (Luke 2.29-32)

## Apostles' Creed

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

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

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

*Cantor:* The Lord be with you;

*Choir:* And with thy spirit.

*Cantor:* Let us pray.

## Prayers

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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

*Cantor:* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

*Choir:* And grant us thy salvation.

*Cantor:* O Lord, save the Queen;

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

*Cantor:* Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

*Choir:* And make thy chosen people joyful.

*Cantor:* O Lord, save thy people;

*Choir:* And bless thine inheritance.

*Cantor:* Give peace in our time, O Lord;

*Choir:* Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

(OR And evermore mightily defend us.)

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

*Choir:* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

## The Collect of the Day

O God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## The Second Collect For Peace.

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

## The Third Collect For Aid Against All Perils.

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

## The Anthem

Now, now that the sun hath veil'd his light  
And bid the world goodnight;  
To the soft bed my body I dispose,  
But where shall my soul repose?  
Dear, dear God, even in Thy arms,  
And can there be any so sweet security!  
Then to thy rest, O my soul!  
And singing, praise the mercy  
That prolongs thy days.  
Hallelujah!

Music: Henry Purcell

## Prayers

## Blessing



The following people have asked for our prayers.  
Please keep them in mind as you go through your week.

Joyce

Penny

Nolan

Coumba, Mady, Idriss

David

Hagos, Tsigay & family

Andrew

Mavis

Kathy

Becca

Margaret

Alan

Kristjan and family

Sohaila & Fawad

Silvanna & family

James

Justin

Robyn

Arnon

Vince, Vicky, Henry

The Parish of Christ Church, Alert Bay

Karen

RIP – Marjorie Shaw

## Finance Committee Report for First Quarter 2020

The Finance Committee provides this operating statement for the first 3 months of 2020 to keep parishioners informed of St. John the Divine's financial status relative to the budget approved by Vestry.

<b>St John the Divine Anglican Church</b>			
<b>Summary Operating Statement: Three months ending 31 March 2020</b>			
<i>(amounts in dollars)</i>			
<b>CORE REVENUE &amp; EXPENSES</b>	<b>1 Jan - 31 Mar 2020</b>		<b>% of Budget</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	
Givings	87,913	91,125	96%
Rental Income	28,783	25,887	111%
Other Fundraising	1,468	2,787	53%
Memorials and Bequests	-	-	
Other Operating Income	-	-	
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>118,164</b>	<b>119,799</b>	<b>99%</b>
Clergy	34,870	34,418	101%
Worship and Music	18,810	20,672	91%
Diocesan Assessment	22,139	22,139	100%
Family Ministry	12,408	10,414	119%
Building, (excluding Capital Projects - below)	26,413	27,803	95%
Administration	24,755	24,865	100%
Other Operating Expense	223	-	
<b>Expenses</b>	<b>139,618</b>	<b>140,311</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Net Core Revenue</b>	<b>(21,454)</b>	<b>(20,512)</b>	<b>105%</b>
<b>OTHER REVENUE &amp; EXPENSES</b>			
Investment Income	10,729	8,625	124%
Capital Expenditures (see below)	9,441	14,400	66%
<b>YTD Net Cash Flow</b>	<b>(20,167)</b>	<b>(26,287)</b>	
<b>1 Jan - 31 Mar 2020</b>			
<b>Capital Projects</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	
Chapel Refurbishment	216	150	
Organ Console Project	9,225	9,000	
Smaller Capital Projects	0	5,250	
Total 2020 Capital Projects to date	9,441	14,400	

(~ \$20,000) has been delayed by the diocese from March until May, but it is expected to be the amount budgeted.

Work on the organ refurbishment continues but fund-raising for this project is obviously delayed. No other smaller capital work is under way – the chapel refurbishment is now finished.

For any further information please contact David Buckman  
at 250-858-3533 or [treasurer@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca](mailto:treasurer@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca)

Our core revenue and expenses have tracked our budget quite closely in the first 3 months of 2020, but this is prior to most of the impact of COVID-19.

The good news is that about 80% of our donations (both church operations and outreach) normally come electronically.

We use CanadaHelps.org to replace, as best we can, manual or envelope donations; this is working well.

Pacific Opera Victoria (our major tenant) has indicated they plan to continue paying rent, although we are working with the diocese to see whether we might get rent relief for them through government programs.

On the expense side, the ordination of Stephanie, our new curate has been delayed. She will join our staff after ordination. We plan to pay our music scholars during the COVID-19 shut down. Our insurance payment for 2020

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# The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

## Stewards

People's Warden: Joan Huzar  
Associate Warden: Lorraine Gates  
Envelope Secretary: Jim Harlick

Rector's Warden: Chris Eve  
Associate Warden: Karen Coverett  
Treasurer: David Buckman

## Parish Council

Susan Bansgrove, Carol Denton, Marguerite Heppell,  
Penny Holt, Erin Kelly, Bill Williamson

## Synod Delegates

Joel Durkovic, Joel Hefty, Bill Huzar

## Staff Supporting the Ministry of St. John's

Rector: The Ven. Alastair McCollum  
Associate Priest: The Rev'd Canon Kevin Arndt  
Associate Priest: The Rev'd Bill Tarter  
Associate Priest: The Rev'd Grant Crosswell  
Deacon: The Rev'd Patrick Sibley

Director of Music: David Stratkauskas  
Family Ministry Coordinator: Ruth MacIntosh  
Parish Administrator: Carol-Ann Zenger

## Honorary Assistants

The Rev'd Derek Dunwoody / The Rev'd Canon Andrew Gates  
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