

Stewardship is...

A word cloud featuring various terms related to stewardship. The central word is "Stewardship" in large purple font. Other prominent words include "giving" in red, "Time" in blue, "LOVE" in red, "TALENT" in red, "GIFT" in green, "MISSION" in orange, "BLESSING" in pink, "treasure" in green, "generosity" in blue, "offering" in green, "tithing" in black, "ABUNDANCE" in green, "ASKING" in blue, "SHARING" in blue, "congregations" in grey, "Blessing" in pink, "gift" in blue, "personal" in small grey, "SERVICE" in green, "CREATION" in blue, "thanksgiving" in yellow, "Blessing" in blue, "creation" in blue, "talent" in blue, "mission" in blue, "our gifts" in blue, "god's mission" in blue, "love" in grey, "asking" in grey, "sharing" in grey, "inviting" in blue, "thanking" in blue, "time" in green, "generosity" in grey, "steward" in grey, "congregation" in grey, "blessed" in grey, "offerings" in grey, "talented" in grey, "missionary" in grey, "service" in grey, "faithful" in grey, "stewardship" in grey, "management" in grey, "responsibility" in grey, "care" in grey, "trust" in grey, "faith" in grey, "hope" in grey, "charity" in grey, "kindness" in grey, "patience" in grey, "self-control" in grey, "peace" in grey, "joy" in grey, "love" in grey, "grace" in grey, "mercy" in grey, "compassion" in grey, "forgiveness" in grey, "reconciliation" in grey, "redemption" in grey, "salvation" in grey, "eternal life" in grey, "heavenly kingdom" in grey, "new covenant" in grey, "old covenant" in grey, "law" in grey, "gospel" in grey, "good news" in grey, "kingdom of God" in grey, "earthly kingdom" in grey, "heavenly kingdom" in grey, "eternal kingdom" in grey, "kingdom of heaven" in grey, "kingdom of earth" in grey, "kingdom of men" in grey, "kingdom of angels" in grey, "kingdom of saints" in grey, "kingdom of all creation" in grey, "kingdom of God" in grey, "kingdom of Jesus Christ" in grey, "kingdom of our Father" in grey, "kingdom of our Lord" in grey, "kingdom of our Savior" in grey, "kingdom of our Redeemer" in grey, "kingdom of our King" in grey, "kingdom of our God" in grey, "kingdom of our Father" in grey, "kingdom of our Lord" in grey, "kingdom of our Savior" in grey, "kingdom of our Redeemer" in grey, "kingdom of our King" in grey, "kingdom of our God" in grey.

...EVERYTHING we think, say, and do after we say “I believe”

St. Francis of Assisi

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

St. John's acknowledges these lands of the Lekwungen people.

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.

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.

Worship

Service times: **8:00 am (Holy Communion – said service), 10:00 am (Holy Eucharist with choir and organ), 4:30 pm (BCP Choral Evensong)** on Sundays as well as mid-week services (please see our website for times). If you can't attend in person we invite you to join us via Zoom (email admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca for the link) or through the livestream on the Website: www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca

Daily prayer online is shared daily with a link on our website either live or via recording.

Contacting Us: The church office is open Monday-Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm. The main email for contact is: admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca. If you wish to receive prayer for yourself or for another, there will be members of our Pastoral Care Team 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.

Assisting with this afternoon's Liturgy

Officiant: The Venerable Alastair Singh-McCollum

Welcomer: Bill Williamson

Reader: Ava Gregorian

Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine

David Stratkauskas, Director of Music

Char Hodgkins, Assistant Director

A note about language

In our worship, we use language which is poetic and filled with metaphor and wonder – realising that any language about God is limited. We use some ancient words which may seem odd, or may seem to refer to God as male, or in terms which elsewhere we might not choose to use. The poetry and the metaphor are there not to restrict or define our understanding of God, but to remind us that our words are never enough to talk about the Divine: instead, we use the beauty of the words and music in our worship to help us glimpse just a little of the God beyond all words.

Listed music is subject to substitution in the event of changes of personnel or situation.



If you would like to give to support the work and ministries of St. John the Divine you can do so in the offering plate which is by the Garden door. There are also envelopes in the book stand which can make your gifts tax efficient. Alternatively, you can scan this QR code which will take you to our Canada Helps giving page. You may also conveniently use our tap machine (no tax receipt) which is available at the garden door entrance, or the bank machine (tax receipt with envelope completion) available at the office. Envelopes for regular giving are available from the church office.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Please stand as the clergy enter.

Prelude

The choir may sing an Introit.

The officiant gives a short welcome.

The Responses

Joanna Forbes l'Estrange (b. 1971)

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.
Praise ye the Lord. (The Lord's name be praised.)

Please be seated for the singing of the psalm.

Psalm

33:1-9

- 1 Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous * for it becometh well the just to be thankful.
- 2 Praise the Lord with harp * sing praises unto him with the lute, and instrument of ten strings.
- 3 Sing unto the Lord a new song * sing praises lustily unto him with a good courage.
- 4 For the word of the Lord is true * and all his works are faithful.
- 5 He loveth righteousness and judgement * the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.
- 6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made * and all the hosts of them by the breath of his mouth.
- 7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together, as it were upon an heap * and layeth up the deep, as in a treasure-house.
- 8 Let all the earth fear the Lord * stand in awe of him, all ye that dwell in the world.
- 9 For he spake, and it was done * he commanded, and it stood fast.

Please stand for the Gloria Patri:

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.

Please be seated.

First Lesson

Hosea 11:1-9

When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son. The more I called them, the more they went from me; they kept sacrificing to the Baals, and offering incense to idols.

Yet it was I who taught Ephraim to walk, I took them up in my arms; but they did not know that I healed them. I led them with cords of human kindness, with bands of love. I was to them like those who lift infants to their cheeks. I bent down to them and fed them.

They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to return to me. The sword rages in their cities, it consumes their oracle-priests, and devours because of their schemes. My people are bent on turning away from me. To the Most High they call, but he does not raise them up at all.

How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, O Israel? How can I make you like Admah? How can I treat you like Zeboiim? My heart recoils within me; my compassion grows warm and tender. I will not execute my fierce anger; I will not again destroy Ephraim; for I am God and no mortal, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come in wrath.

Please stand.

Magnificat

Text: Luke 1:46-55 Music: Stanford in C

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.

Second Lesson

Matthew 8:18-27

Now when Jesus saw great crowds around him, he gave orders to go over to the other side. A scribe then approached and said, 'Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.' And Jesus said to him, 'Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.' Another of his disciples said to him, 'Lord, first let me go and bury my father.' But Jesus said to him, 'Follow me, and let the dead bury their own dead.'

And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. A gale arose on the lake, so great that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. And they went and woke him up, saying, 'Lord, save us! We are perishing!' And he said to them, 'Why are you afraid, you of little faith?' Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a dead calm. They were amazed, saying, 'What sort of man is this, that even the winds and the sea obey him?'

Please stand.

Nunc Dimittis

Text: Luke 2:29-32 Music: Stanford in C

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.

Apostles' Creed

All: 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.

Responses, Lord's Prayer, and Collects

Cantor: The Lord be with you;

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Cantor: Let us pray.

Please remain standing, kneel, or be seated as is your preference for prayer.

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

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 King;

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.

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

Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

1st Collect, of the day:

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

2nd 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.

3rd 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.

Anthem *(sung by the choir)*

I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
My help comes from the Lord,
the maker of heav'n and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved,
and he who watches over you
will not fall asleep.
The Lord himself watches over you;
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,
so that the sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night,
The Lord shall preserve you from evil;
it is he who shall keep you safe.
The Lord shall watch over
your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore.

Text: Psalm 121

Music: Margaret Burk (b. 1990)

Please remain seated, kneel, or stand as is your preference for prayer.

Intercessions

Please stand to sing the hymn:

Hymn (CP 19)

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1. The duteous day now closes,
each flower and tree reposes,
shade creeps o'er wild and wood:
Let us, as night is falling,
on God our maker calling,
give thanks and bless the Giver good.
2. Now all the heavenly splendour
breaks forth in starlight tender
from myriad worlds unknown;
and we, this marvel seeing,
forget our selfish being
for joy of beauty not our own.
3. Though long our mortal blindness
has missed God's loving kindness
and plunged us into strife;
yet when life's day is over,
shall death's fair night discover
the fields of everlasting life.

Sermon



1. All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
 alleluia, alleluia!
Bright burning sun and golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,
 alleluia, alleluia!
2. Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
 O sing now, alleluia!
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice;
stars nightly shining, find a voice,
 alleluia, alleluia!
3. Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
 alleluia, alleluia!
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light,
 alleluia, alleluia!
4. Earth ever fertile, day by day
unfold your blessings on our way,
 O sing now, alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
God's glory let them also show:
 alleluia, alleluia!
5. All you with mercy in your heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
 alleluia, alleluia!
All you that pain and sorrow bear,
sing praise and cast on God your care:
 alleluia, alleluia!
6. And even you, most gentle death,
waiting to hush our final breath,
 O sing now, alleluia!
You lead back home the child of God,
for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
 alleluia, alleluia!
7. Let all things their creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness,
 alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:
 alleluia, alleluia!

The Blessing or Grace

Organ Voluntary

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