

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The 1st Sunday in Lent

March 1, 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.



Temptation of Christ - Vasily Surikov - 1872
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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.

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 at page 67 in the Book of Common Prayer

Presider: The Venerable Alastair McCollum

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
Readers: Beryl Roundhill, Sandi Austin **Audio:** John Bergbusch
Gospel: The Reverend Patrick Sibley **Verger:** Chuck Neilson
Sermon: The Venerable Alastair McCollum **Music:** The Community Choir

A Nursery for children 3 and under 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

INTROIT

A short choral introit may be sung by the choir, or a short meditation may be played by the organ.

THE BLESSING OF WATER

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 to every place that it flows.
For the beauty of clouds,
And the gift of rain,
And the wonder of streams, rivers, and oceans,
We give thanks for water.

All: **For your water brings life.**

We also give thanks that Jesus is the source of all living water. Jesus gave water to those who were thirsty. Water flowed from Jesus to bring us healing and salvation. We pray that we can be people of living water.

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

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

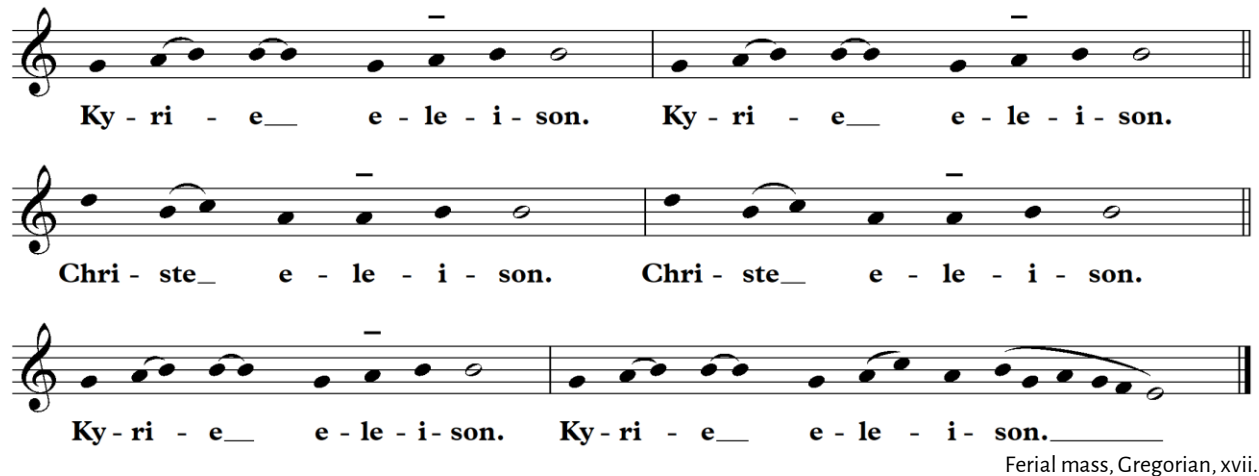
CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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.

Silence is kept.

KYRIE ELEISON

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



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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 fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are but did not sin,
give us grace to discipline ourselves
in submission to your Spirit,
that as you know our weakness,
so we may know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
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

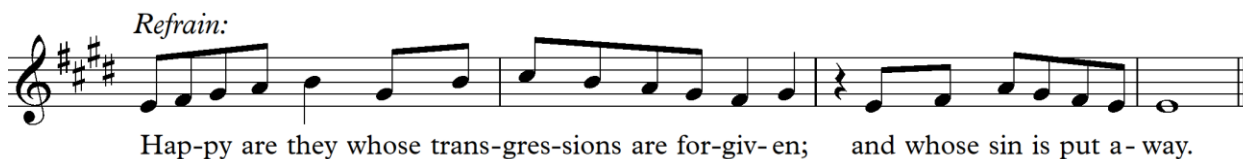
Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

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Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile! **Refrain**

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, because of my groaning all day long.
For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer. **Refrain**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and did not conceal my guilt. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin. **Refrain**

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them. You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; you surround me with shouts of deliverance. **Refrain**

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; I will guide you with my eye. Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you." **Refrain**

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord. Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; shout for joy, all who are true of heart. **Refrain**

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THE EPISTLE

Romans 5:12-19

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 4:1-11

Before the Gospel

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

Deacon or cantor: *Blessed are those who have endured temptation; they have stood the test and will receive the crown of life.*

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 Matthew.

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.

All may offer their neighbour a sign of peace.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN (CP 628)

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God our refuge and our strength, receive all we offer you this day,
and through the death and resurrection of your Son transform us to his likeness.
We ask this in his name.

All: Amen.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Common Worship, Prayer E, Adapted

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.

Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

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.

We praise and bless you, loving Creator,
through Jesus Christ, our brother;
and as we remember his last supper,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of Christ

On the night before dying
Jesus had supper with friends
and, taking bread, praised you;
broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.”

When supper was ended Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again having praised you, 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 all for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

So, Loving God, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim Christ's death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Christ is the bread of life:

**All: When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, O Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

Ruler of all life,
help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours,
O loving and gracious One, for ever and 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.

AGNUS DEI

Cantor: *All:*
1, 2. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us.
Cantor: *All:*
3. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: 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

The text of the anthem may be found at hymn number 533 in Common Praise (verses 1, 2, and 4)

Music: David Wilson, arr. John Barnard.

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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN (CP 170)

ERHALT UNS, HERR

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 followed by the Annual Vestry Meeting.



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: The Choristers of St. John the Divine, The Sutton Organ Scholar, The MacRae Choral Scholars

Setting of the Canticles: Philip Moore, *Third Service*

Lectionary: Church of England

An **INTROIT** *may be sung by the choir*

RESPONSES *(Please stand)*

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.

OFFICE HYMN (NEH 60)

JESU CORONA

PSALM *(Please sit; stand for the final Gloria Patri)*

Psalms 50.1-15

FIRST LESSON *(Please sit)*

Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 16-end

MAGNIFICAT *(Please stand – sung by the choir)*

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 *(Please sit)*

Luke 15:1-10

NUNC DIMITTIS *(Please stand – sung by the choir)*

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 *(Please stand – recited by 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.

Cantor: The Lord be with you;

Choir: And with thy spirit.

Cantor: Let us pray.

PRAYERS *(Please kneel or sit)*

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 Lord, who for our sake didst fast forty days, and forty nights: give us grace to use such abstinence that our flesh being subdued to the spirit, we may ever obey thy godly motions in righteousness, and true holiness, to thy honour and glory who livest, and reignest, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission, and forgiveness, 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 *(Please sit – sung by the choir)*

Turn thy face from my sins, and put out all my misdeeds.
Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Music: Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

PRAYERS *(Please kneel or sit)*

BLESSING *(Please stand)*

RECESSIONAL HYMN (CP 180)

SONG 13

VOLUNTARY

READINGS FOR MARCH 8TH – THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

Genesis 12:1-4a God calls Abraham, promising blessings, and Abraham responds in faith. **Psalms 121** God offers constant presence and care for us as we journey through life. **Romans 4:1-5, 13-17** Paul teaches that God chose Abraham not because he had done all the right things but because he trusted God's promises. **John 3:1-17** Jesus challenges Nicodemus to take up a new life that sees, hopes and believes in God's creative, transforming power.

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

Today

12 Noon	Annual Vestry Meeting	Hall
7:30 pm	Evensong	Church

Monday 2

1:00 pm	Garden Eucharist	Memorial Garden
2:00 pm	Book Study	Walking Together Chapel

Tuesday 3

12:10 pm	Meditative Eucharist	Walking Together Chapel
1:30 pm	Pastoral Care Team Meeting	Denson Lounge

Wednesday 4

7:45 am	Holy Communion followed by Breakfast	Walking Together Chapel
12 Noon	Lunch With a Point: "Watershed Discipleship"	Denson Lounge
12 Noon	Art & Soul Drop In	Church Basement
7:00 pm	Reel Thought	Denson Lounge

Thursday 5

3:00 pm	Finance Committee Meeting	Denson Lounge
5:30 pm	Holy Communion	Denson Lounge
6:30 pm	Lenten Discussion: "Watershed Discipleship"	Denson Lounge

Friday 6

10:00 am	Food Bank	Church Basement
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Sunday 8

8:00 am	Holy Communion	Chapel
10:00 am	Parish Eucharist	Church
11:30 am	Parish Pot-Luck Brunch	Hall
6:30 pm	TRY Youth	Church/Denson Lounge

NOTICE OF 2020 VESTRY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the parishioners of this parish will be held **today at 12 Noon, in the Parish Hall**, for the purpose of receiving the 2019 Reports of the Officers and Organizations and approving the 2020 Budget. Bring a brown bag lunch. Vegetarian stew will be available.

ST. JOHN'S COURT SOCIETY

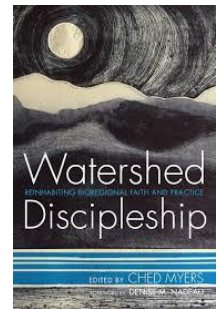
Notice is hereby given of the Annual Meeting of the Society to take place beginning at **12 Noon, today, in St. John's Parish Hall**. All members of St. John's parish are members of the Society.

Lent, Holy Week, Easter at St. John the Divine

Throughout Lent

Watershed Discipleship

This thought-provoking and substantial book will be the basis of our study over Lent. Edited by Ched Myers, it is a collection of writings encouraging us to 'do theology and live faithfully where we are' – particularly considering the importance of the Watershed in the flourishing of human beings. We won't be reading the whole book, but looking at some of key stories within the book from different authors.



Wednesdays beginning March 4th, until Holy Week

12:15 pm - Lunch With A Point: We will be reading **Watershed Discipleship** over the course of Lent and be discussing some of the chapters within the book. A lively and thought provoking time over lunch.

7:00 pm - Reel Thought: A movie each Wednesday evening, followed by discussion on the themes and ideas which emerge.

Thursdays from March 5th

5:30 pm - Evening Eucharist: A 30 minute service followed by a shared supper

6:30 pm – Discussion Group: An opportunity for those unable to attend Wednesday lunch to discuss **Watershed Discipleship** (all are invited to attend the Eucharist and eat together, as well as joining the discussion, or just to come to any part of the evening).

Fridays from 28 February – 3 April

12 noon – 2:00 pm – Open Church. We would love the Church to be open for silent prayer, and the opportunity to open up our beautiful building – but to do this we need volunteer stewards, at least two per session, please contact Carol-Ann in the office if you feel able to offer.

Also, for our shared lunches/suppers on Wednesdays and Thursdays through Lent it would be great if there were people able to offer soup or chili or something similar for each week – probably for about 20 people each session, or to share with another responsibility for providing for one session. When we have a co-ordinator/co-ordinators for this we will let everyone know, until then please let Carol-Ann know if you might be able to help.



Watershed Discipleship

Each week within Lent we will be hosting '**Lunch With a Point**' at **12noon on Wednesdays** for an hour and a half, and a discussion following the **Evening Eucharist at 5:30pm on Thursdays (Eucharist 5:30, Soup/Chili 6pm, Discussion 6:30-8:00pm)** – these discussions will be on the book 'Watershed Discipleship' which Bishop Logan has directed us to study over these weeks. If you plan to attend either session please let us know ahead of time. Here's a summary of the planned study so far.

Week 1

4/5 March – **Foreword** by *Denise Nadeau* (p. ix), **Introduction** by *Ched Myers* (p.1), **Afterword – Towards Watershed Ecclesiology** by *Ched Myers* (p.200) – An overall introduction to the ideas behind 'Watershed Discipleship' – quite a heavy read, especially the Ched Myers parts, but worth spending time on.

Week 2

11/12 March – **Chapter 7 - A Pipeline Runs Through Naboth's Vineyard** (p.121) by *Matt Humphreys* – Matt is a local Anglican Cleric who places the story of Indigenous water protectors in BC in the context of the Bible story of Naboth having his vineyard stolen by King Ahab.

Week 3

18/19 March – **Chapter 1- The Great Commission** (p.25) by *Katerina Friesen* – A very personal story of considering the North American sense of 'rootlessness' in the light of one person's experience with the land and water protectors of the Philippines.

Week 4

25/26 March – **Chapter 10 - Bioregionalism and the Catholic Worker Movement** (p.158) by *Victoria Machado* – exploring the roots of the Catholic Worker movement for social justice, links with Dorothy Day, and considering what it means to be grounded in the place where we live.

Week 5

1/2 April - **Chapter 3 – The Transfigured Earth** (p.60) by *Jonathan McRay* – An exploration of how being rooted in the place we live, the place of the watershed, is the fullest expression of the phrase 'The Kingdom of God'.

Though it would be good to read the chapters before coming – if you're unable to, please come and join in the discussion anyway, it should be a good conversation!



Movie Night –

Wednesday evening this week, **March 4th**, at 7:00 pm Reel Thought will present our first screening for Lent 2020 in the Denson Lounge of St. John the Divine Anglican Church

This Lent we are presenting five screen adaptations of the novels of E.M. Forster. Forster lived until 1970, but all but his last novel (*A Passage to India*, 1924) were written before the First World War, and are now more than a century old. Their themes and concerns were far ahead of their time, anticipating seismic changes in British society which Forster lived to witness, and which have flowered in the fifty years since his death. Forster's principal characters strive for genuine human connection, and fight against the rules and mores of their society, the strictures and disapproval of their families, and even their own selves, to achieve it.

Where Angels Fear to Tread (UK; 1991; 116 mins.) <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt0103243/>

"Around 1906, the widow Lilia Herriton (Dame Helen Mirren) meets a young man when she visits Italy and marries him. The man is only a dentist without a good name, and Lilia's relatives are clearly unhappy with her choice. Lilia dies while giving birth to a son, and two relatives travel to Italy to take care of the baby, expecting no trouble from the father." - *Written by Mattias Thuresson, IMDb*

In Forster's first novel, written in 1905, a visit to Italy both reveals the unbelievable Imperial hubris of the Edwardian middle class and is the catalyst for two of its members to break free and find connection. Particularly with its cast, one could be forgiven for thinking that this film is a Merchant-Ivory production (as our next three films are), but it was actually made by Charles Sturridge and is a worthy adaptation of a powerful story.

Mark your calendars: Reel Thought for Lent will be presented weekly for five weeks, beginning this Wednesday, March 4th, and running through the Wednesday before Holy Week, April 1st. This year's theme is "only connect," the driving force at the heart of E.M. Forster's six novels: his desire for his characters' parts to be connected and for his characters to be connected to each other. We will present the five novels that have been adapted for the screen, in the order in which they were written.

Living the questions

During Lent, we – with our Cathedral, St. Mary Oak Bay, St. Matthias Fairfield, St. George Cadboro Bay, and others, will have the opportunity for a refresher course, or an update, on the theological groundings of Progressive Christianity, particularly as expressed in our Anglican tradition. The Dean is describing this as ‘Confirmation Reboot.’

This five week course is based on the excellent book ‘Living the Questions’ and will be taking place on consecutive Saturdays **starting on Saturday, March 7th**, and will have speakers from all of our Parishes and more! Each week will deal with two themes during the course of a morning (9am until noon) and will end with lunch together. There will also be the option of taking part in a Watershed Discipleship seminar with one of the authors within the book – see below!

The cost is \$60 for the full course, including a copy of the book and lunches for the five weeks – for those who are using this as their preparation for confirmation or to be received into the Anglican Church from another tradition, this also includes bringing a sponsor/companion to accompany you through the journey. This is a great opportunity to hear some up-to-date theological and spiritual thinking, to discuss what is at the heart of our shared journey and spend some quality time with fellow wanderers on this wonderful faith path!

Email Rev. Ross Bliss at the cathedral for further details and to book -
vicar@christchurchcathedral.bc.ca

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On **Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>** there will be an introduction and overview seminar on Watershed Discipleship, by one of the theologians in the book, the Reverend Matt Humphrey, at the Cathedral (Chapter Room) from 10am-4pm. This is suitable for all, whether you have read the book or not, and places can be reserved by emailing (or asking the office to email) The Revd Ross Bliss, vicar@christchurchcathedral.bc.ca

## St. Mary's Churchmouse Books GIANT Spring Book Sale

Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Thousands & thousands of great pre-owned books

Silent auction of our best volumes

Live music

Food / Tea and Coffee / Community



## The Parish Pot-Luck Brunch will be next Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

Please sign up on the sheet provided if you plan to attend, this will let us know how many to set up for.

### Kairos Blanket Exercise

A participatory workshop that will introduce you to our shared history as Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada.

**When:** Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

**Time:** 1:00-3:00 pm

**Where:** St. Patrick's Church, Lourdes Hall  
2060 Haultain Street, Oak Bay

Please **RSVP** to [victoriareadp@gmail.com](mailto:victoriareadp@gmail.com) or 250-477-6952

### Martyn Joseph In Concert

The Emmaus Community / Abbey Church is sponsoring a concert by Welsh troubadour Martyn Joseph on the evening of Sun., March 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Matthias Church. The BBC says: "Joseph is a performer like no other – shades of Bruce Springsteen, John Mayer, Bruce Cockburn and Dave Mathews there may be – but he stands in his own right, built on a reputation of giving what thousands have described as the best live music experience of their lives, delivering his songs of lyrical intelligence!" Martyn Joseph's passionate message of justice and peace in song is not to be missed! Tickets are \$25, available on-line at [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) or from Emmaus Community.



Saturday March 21<sup>st</sup> 7:30pm at St. John the Divine

#### "Evening Hymn"

With St. John's Chamber Singers

David Stratkauskas, director

Soloists: Anne van der Sloot & Kyla Fradette, soprano

Transcendent music on themes of evening, end of life, trust in the Divine, and eternity. Sublime sacred and instrumental works by Purcell, Buxtehude, Greene, and Bach, including Purcell's beloved "Evening Hymn".

Tickets: \$30 / \$25 / \$5 at Munro's Books, Ivy's Bookshop, Royal & McPherson Box Office, at the Sunday morning coffee hour March 8th and 15th, and at the door.

[victoria-baroque.com](http://victoria-baroque.com), [victoria-baroque@shaw.ca](mailto:victoria-baroque@shaw.ca), 250 590 9770

## 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.

**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](mailto: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. During March, we will have a PWRDF display table at coffee hour. 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.** Your dedication can be sent to Carol-Ann and a cheque dropped at the office or in the collection plate. The price of the lilies is yet to be determined. Thank you.

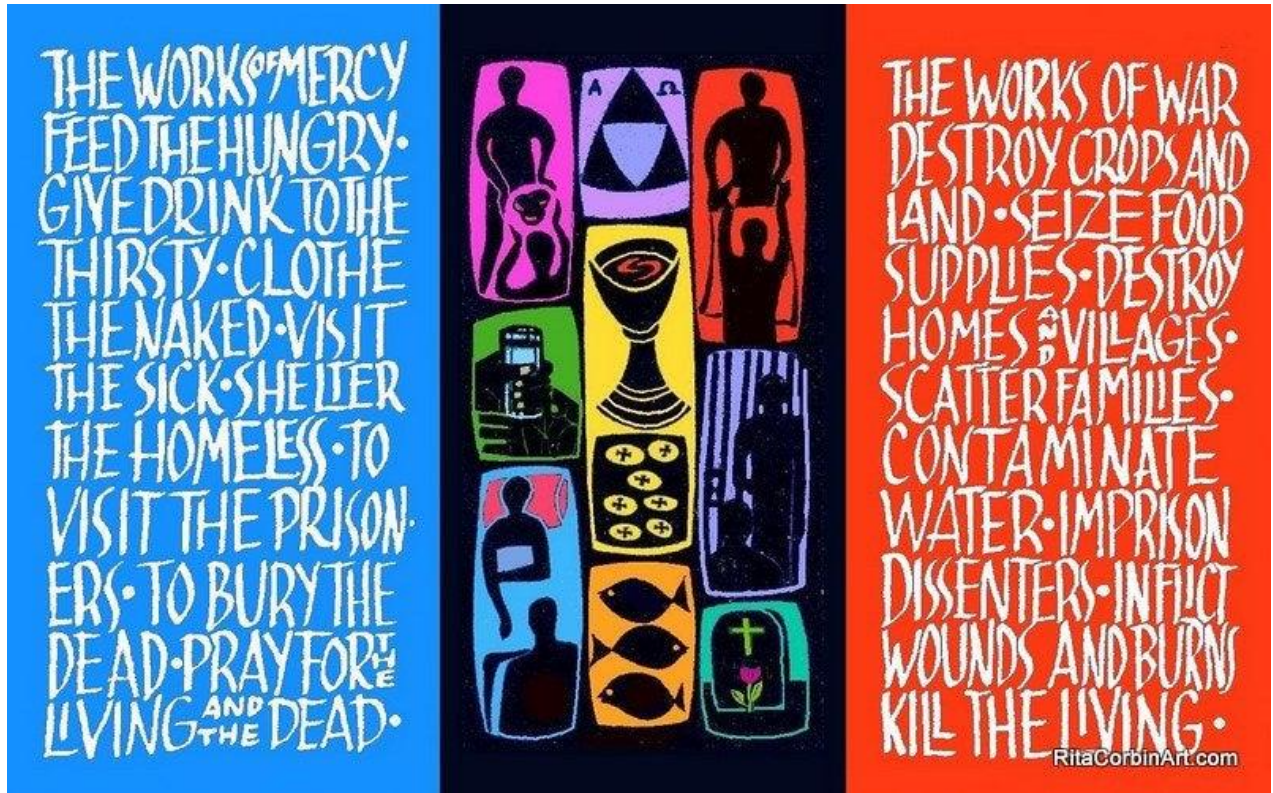
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St. John's has a **Pastoral Care Team** that is able to make pastoral visits to parishioners who are unable to attend services for various reasons. If you know of people in this position, please let them know of this Ministry. Visits can be arranged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



# SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey.



## Excerpt from “Declaration of Intent”

Let the colonial borders be seen for the pretensions they are  
I hereby honour what the flow of water teaches us  
the beauty of enough, the path of peace to be savoured  
before the extremes of drought and flood overwhelm the careless

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I hereby invoke fluid wisdom to guide us through the muck  
I will apprentice myself to creeks and tributaries, groundwater and glaciers  
Listen for the salty pulse within, the blood that recognizes marine ancestry  
In its chemical composition and intuitive pull  
I will learn through immersion, flotation and transformation  
As water expands and contracts, I will fit myself into its ever changing dimensions  
Molecular and spectacular water will return what we give it, be that  
Arrogance and poison, reverence and light, ambivalence and respect  
Let our societies be revived as watersheds.

Rita Wong (2015) – as quoted by Denise M. Nadeau in Watershed Discipleship

### **Lenten Poem by Ann Weems**

Lent is a time to take time to let the power  
of our faith story take hold of us,  
a time to let the events get up  
and walk around in us,  
a time to intensify our living unto Christ,  
a time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts,  
a time to place our feet in the streets of  
Jerusalem or to walk along the sea and  
listen to his Word,  
a time to touch his robe  
and feel the healing surge through us,  
a time to ponder and a time to wonder....

Lent is a time to allow  
a fresh new taste of God!  
Perhaps we're afraid to have time to think,  
for thoughts come unbidden.  
Perhaps we're afraid to face our future  
knowing our past.  
Give us courage, O God,  
to hear your Word  
and to ready our living into it.  
Give us the trust to know we're forgiven  
and give us the faith  
to take up our lives and walk.

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