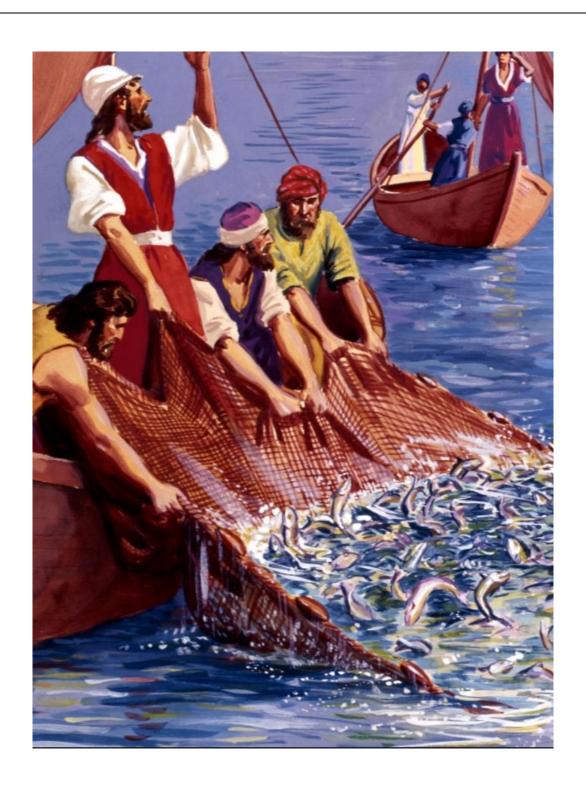
THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The 5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 10, 2019

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 territories 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.

If our service seems unfamiliar, please follow the cues from our leaflet, the ministers leading the service and those around you. Most of our Sunday morning worship services have the Eucharist, or Holy Communion, at the heart of our worship – please feel free to join us, whatever your tradition, in the sharing of bread and wine. Gluten free wafers are available: Please indicate if you need one.

Within the Anglican Church of Canada (under the advice of the Primate and the Chief Medical Officer for Canada) we would ask that bread is not dipped into the wine, as this has the potential to spread infection in a way that the sharing of the cup does not. If you would prefer not to share the cup then receiving only bread is considered 'full communion' (also known as 'Communion in One Kind').

If there is anything that you wish to talk about, please do take the opportunity to talk to the worship leaders, ministers and other members of the congregation following the service. If you wish to receive prayer for yourself or for another, there will be members of our Healing Prayer group in the south Quadra entrance who would be happy to pray with you as the Holy Communion is shared.

After our service we usually share coffee and an opportunity to get to know one another, in the Church Hall – through the door on the front left hand side. We have many visitors and newcomers here so please make yourself known to folks as you feel comfortable.

You are very welcome here. We don't always get it right; please let us know when we do, and when we don't. Please stay and be a part of our family, for however long you would like.

8:00 am Holy Communion

The order of service is found on page 67 in the Book of Common Prayer

Presider: The Reverend Canon Kevin Arndt

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

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

Presider: The Reverend Bill Tarter Audio: Doug Adderley

Deacon: The Reverend Patrick Sibley **Music:** The Choristers of St. John the Divine,

Sermon: The Reverend Canon Kevin Arndt The Sutton Organ Scholar, **Readers:** Kit Pearson, Mary Alford The MacRae Choral Scholars

Intercessor: Lorraine Gates The Mass Setting: Communion Service in E – H. Darke

Verger: Douwe Bosma

A Nursery for children aged 0 to 3 is available from 10 am until the start of the Eucharist.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

The children are invited to gather at the back of the church and join in the procession.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

A short choral Introit is sung by the Choir.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (CP 1)

NICAEA

INTRODUCTION

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Almighty God

All: to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

CHURCH FAMILY PRAYER

After the prayer the children continue their worship in the Parish House.

Loving God,

All: you've called us to be your family and to celebrate our life together in worship. We pray for all the members of our family, here and absent, and especially for our young people now as they continue their worship. Bless them, and each of us, in fun and learning, in friendship, and love. Amen.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE AND FORGIVENESS

Loving God, Maker of all

All: have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor

All: have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, Breath of life

All: have mercy on us.

Let us in silence admit our frailty and confess our failings.

(Silence)

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness: to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others and the life of the world.

All: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Amen.

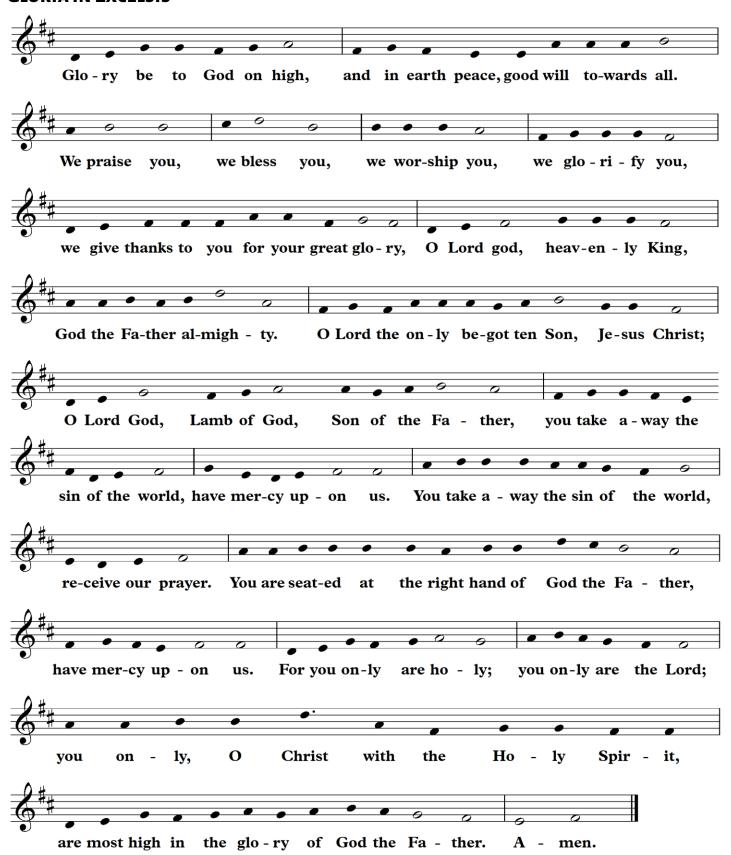
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All: Amen.

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

Lord of the deep waters, you call us from the safety of the shore to an adventure of the Spirit: open wide our arms to embrace the world you dare us to serve; through Jesus Christ your living Word.

All: Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING Isaiah 6:1-13

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM (sung by the choir)

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I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise.

I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness:

For you have glorified your name and your word above all things.

When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth.

They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; he perceives the haughty from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

The Lord will make good his purpose for me; O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

THE EPISTLE 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL Luke 5:1-11

Before the Gospel



Cantor or Choir: This child is the light to enlighten the nations: and the glory of your people Israel.



The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

Following the Sermon there will be a pause for Silence.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PEACE

Please stand.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

All may offer their neighbour a sign of peace.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN (CP 455)

REPTON

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

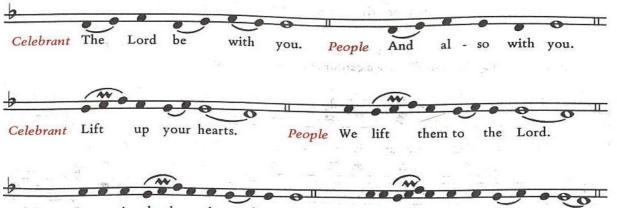
Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

BAS #1



Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things.

You formed us in your own image.

When we turned away from you in sin,

You did not cease to care for us

but opened a path of salvation for all people.

You made a covenant with Israel,

and through your servants Abraham and Sarah

gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.

Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom;

through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation.

Therefore, with them, and with all your saints

who have served you in every age,

we give thanks and raise our voices

to proclaim the glory of your name.

SANCTUS (sung by the choir)

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise.

In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ,

to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us,

to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;

he opened the eyes of the blind

and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom

to the poor and to those in need.

In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you,

he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,

'Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.'

After supper he took the cup of wine;

and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,

'Drink this, all of you:

this is my blood of the new covenant,

which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.'

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice

destroys the power of sin and death;

by raising him to life you give us life for evermore.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.



All:

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a-gain.

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,

That all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, In the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ambrosian Chant

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread, to share in the body of Christ.

All: We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI

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

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

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

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

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

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

Ministry of Healing

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

MOTET

Иже Херувимы тайно образующе, и животворящей Тройцъ трисвятую пъснь припъвающе.

Всякое нынъ житейское отложимъ попеченіе. Аминь.

Яко да Царя всѣх подымемъ,

Ангельскими невидимо дори-носима чинми.

Аллилуіа.

P. I. Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)

We, who mystically represent the Cherubim, And chant the thrice-holy hymn to the Life-giving Trinity,

Let us set aside the cares of life That we may receive the King of all,

Who comes invisibly escorted by the Divine Hosts.

Alleluia.

Following the Communion there will be a pause for Silence.

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O God, our life, our strength, our food,

All: we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son.
By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, so that more and more we will you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.
Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

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

All: Thanks be to God.

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.

NOTICE OF 2019 VESTRY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the parishioners of this parish will be held on **Sunday**, **February 24**th, **2019 at 12 Noon**, **in the Parish Hall**, for the purpose of receiving the 2018 Reports of the Officers and Organizations and approving the 2019 budget. Please bring a brown bag lunch.

ST. JOHN'S COURT SOCIETY

Notice is hereby given of the Annual Meeting of the Society to take place beginning at **12 Noon** in St. John's Parish Hall, **Sunday, February 24**th. All members of St. John's parish are members of the Society.

Vestry Annual Reports are to be submitted **no later than this Wed., Feb. 13**th. Please email them to Carol-Ann at the office: carolann.zenger@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca

READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 17th – THE 6th SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Jeremiah 17:5-10 To trust in what is human or to trust in God, that is the question.

Psalm 1 The righteous are encouraged, the wicked warned.

1 Corinthians 15:12-20 Paul asserts the continuity between Christ's own resurrection and our own.

Luke 6:17-26 Luke begins the Sermon on the Plain with a series of blessings and woes.

FLOWERS

Given in loving memory of Rex - husband, father, grandfather - gone but not forgotten, from Louise Langman.

SHARING IN COMMUNION

There have been some enquiries about the reasoning behind our new method of distributing communion, and understandable concern about changing a practice that had become familiar. One rumour that has been circulating is that the reason was to speed up the distribution, but this wasn't actually a determining factor. The three primary considerations that informed the decision to try this new practice were:

Liturgical coherence: it makes sense to receive the sacrament around the altar at which the Eucharist was just celebrated.

Safety: the steps to the platform and chancel do not have a railing, so keeping to a minimum the number of people using them is prudent.

Hospitality: the previous system of distributing communion, with multiple queues, running counter to each other, leading to different stations, and no clear direction on where to go, was difficult and unwelcoming for anyone visiting or new to St. John's

There are still some subtleties and details to work out as we try this new procedure, so please do be patient as we go forward.

Therefore, in an effort to make for ourselves a welcoming, accessible, straightforward space, we are going to be sharing communion in one place – at the front of the church – at two stations. Please take bread from the Eucharistic Minister standing on your side, then move to the next available chalice of the two which will be at each station. We ask those in the side aisles to go to the back of the church and then to the front to receive.

Gluten free wafers are available at both stations.

Those with limited mobility please indicate your desire to take communion in your seat and a minister will come to you.

As always, all are welcome to take part in our sharing. Thank you for being a part of our community!

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

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Today		
11:45 am	Sunday Reflections	Denson Lounge
Monday 11		
1:30 pm	The Divine Knitters	Denson Lounge
2:00 pm	Book Study	Chapel
Tuesday 12		
10:00 am	Food Bank	Crypt
2:00 pm	ACW Meeting	Denson Lounge
7:00 pm	Faith and Justice Series	Denson Lounge
·	"The State of BC's Democracy in an Era of Populism"	_
Wednesday 13	•	
7:45 am	Holy Communion followed by Breakfast	Chapel/Denson Lounge
9:30 am	Sermon Circle	Denson Lounge
12:00 pm	Pastoral Care Team Meeting	Denson Lounge
1:30 pm	Art and Soul Group	Crypt
7:00 pm	Reel Thought Movie Night – "Big Eden"	Denson Lounge
Thursday 14		
12:10 pm	Meditative Eucharist	Chapel
2:00 pm	Food Bank Appreciation	Denson Lounge
Friday 15		_
10:00 am	Food Bank	Crypt
Saturday 16		
6:00 pm	Breaking Bread	Denson Lounge
Sunday 17		
8:00 am	Holy Communion	Chapel
10:00 am	Parish Eucharist	Church
11:30 am	Divine Brunch	Hall
2:00 pm	PFLAG	Denson Lounge
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EVENTS

Sunday Reflections - On weeks without other events we offer the opportunity to ask 'what just happened?' at our Sunday service - an open forum to discuss the sermon, liturgy, music, and indeed anything that might have cropped up during our worship services, or about Anglican practice and tradition generally. This takes place at **11:45am**, **following the 10am service** and usually lasts for 45 minutes or so. All are welcome; come, and bring your questions!

Come and revive your **Art & Soul** at the art and spirituality group held in the basement space at St. John the Divine **every Wednesday afternoon at 1:30pm**. Art experience is not necessary! We ask for a *voluntary* donation of \$4.00 per session to provide supplies for those in need. Any questions - please contact Gillian Barlow or Susan McCabe.

Social Justice and Action Group Faith in Justice Series Winter/Spring 2019

(A joint St. John the Divine/First Met venture)

All sessions in the Denson Lounge, St. John's (unless otherwise advised) 7:00-8:30 pm.

Tuesday, February 12th

"The State of BC's Democracy in an Era of Populism"

Dermod Travis, Executive Director, Integrity BC, a non-partisan, non- profit political watchdog dedicated to engendering bonds of trust and confidence between citizens and their elected officials. Mr. Travis writes and broadcasts widely on these issues.



Movie Night – 7:00 pm in the Denson Lounge

Next Wednesday evening, Feb. 13th, at 7:00 pm we will present our regular "Reel Thought" movie for February in the Denson Lounge.

Big Eden (U.S.A., 2000, 117 minutes) http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0212815/

We have chosen something light, before we get into Lent, and because it is the day before St. Valentine's Day it had to be a love story - in this case, a quirky, gay love story, which also reflects on the value of community, and how easy it is to be so focused on something that we can't see anything else, no matter how obvious. As one character in the film observes, "There's so few nice surprises in life. Seems to me that it'd be kind of a shame to squander one of them, don't ya think?" Come and enjoy this charming and thoughtful surprise of a movie with us.

A couple of notes regarding past and future Reel Thought presentations:

- January's presentation, *Human Flow*, is available for loan on DVD from John McLaren (250-592-7031 or jpsmamclaren@gmail.com), if you were unable to attend or would like to see the second half of the movie.
- Once again we plan to show movies each week during Lent, beginning on March 13th, the Wednesday after Ash Wednesday, and ending on April 10th, the Wednesday before Holy Week. **Please feel free to offer suggestions as to what we might present during Lent.** So far we have selected movies with an indigenous theme in common. Thank you!
- There will be no Reel Thought on the third Wednesday of April, the 17th, as it falls in Holy Week.

Mark & Daryl

New years are filled with the opportunity to try new things or continue with old good practices. You are most welcome to drop in to the **Service of Prayer and Meditation in the Style of Taizé** on Fri., Feb. 15th at Christ Church Cathedral's Jerusalem Chapel - 6-7 pm. Candles and chanting fill the physical space and create open spaces in our hearts.

Open House at The Victoria Mosque, Masjid Al Iman, 2218 Quadra St., Sat., Feb. 16th, 10 am-3 pm.

This is a great community-building gathering over delicious snacks, friendly faces and wonderful conversations. Volunteers will offer a tour of the Mosque and a display of various themes surrounding Islam and Muslims. They also plan such activities as henna tattooing and hijab-tryouts for kids and women.

"In a world with ever-growing stigma and confusion around Islam and Muslims, we want to open our doors, our minds and our hearts to everyone around us, irrespective of their background, and build a stronger community," said the Iman, Ismail Mohamed Nur. There are an estimated 2,000 Muslims in Victoria.

The event is free and registration is not required.

Please note: Shoes come off and women do not shake men's hands.



The concert has a silent auction of pies, as part of the fundraiser.

St. John's has been asked to contribute - we still need a few more. Please contact Joan Huzar at 250-995-3154 or joan.huzar@utoronto.ca if you are able to donate one (or more!) for the Feb. 16 event.

Tickets \$20 each. Available from the office or Chris Eve.



Divine Brunch, February 17th

Tickets available at coffee hour on Sundays or through the front office, Mon to Fri.

The cut-off for tickets is next Wed., Feb. 13th

Menu: Pork Pie / Green Salad or Smoked Salmon Croissant / Green Salad or

Vegetarian, Vegan, Gluten-free also available

Coldest Night of the Year – Sat., Feb. 23

You are invited to join a team of community leaders in taking part in Coldest Night of the Year. The national walk raises awareness and raises money for charities serving hungry, homeless, and hurting people in our community. Last year, the event helped raise \$40,000 for Our Place but that wasn't where the campaign ended. It was truly inspiring walking with so many people, all with the same goal of supporting Victoria's most vulnerable citizens. To register please go to www.ourplacesociety.com

Announcements

A Prayer Group prays through the week; to request confidential prayers for yourself or others contact Pat Manning at: patriciacmanning@gmail.com or leave the request at the church office.

Prayer is the bedrock of our relationship with God through Christ. Individual requests for intercessory prayer (read at Sunday and weekday services) may be made by filling out a **Prayer Request Card** available at the back of the church (on the west wall) or by emailing the same information requested on the card to: carolann.zenger@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca.

The February blue envelope is for The Food Bank at St. John's and The Alliance Club.

The Food Bank at St. John's provides staple food items to those in need in our community.

The Alliance Club is a downtown drop-in centre for youth on the street. St John's has supported the Alliance Club for over 20 years by providing casseroles to supplement their evening meals. Volunteers from St. John's and the larger community gather on a semi regular basis to cook and freeze casseroles that are then picked up by Alliance Club staff. Our food is always received with grateful thanks.

SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey

"We cultivate love when we allow our most vulnerable and powerful selves to be deeply seen and known, and when we honor the spiritual connection that grows from that offering with trust, respect, kindness and affection. Love is not something we give or get; it is something that we nurture and grow, a connection that can only be cultivated between two people when it exists within each one of them - we can only love others as much as we love ourselves.

Shame, blame, disrespect, betrayal, and the withholding of affection damage the roots from which love grows. Love can only survive these injuries if they are acknowledged, healed and rare."

Brené Brown, The Gifts of Imperfection: Let Go of Who You Think You're Supposed to Be and Embrace Who You Are

Justice for Judas?

The Last Days of Judas Iscariot is a hilarious, poignant, thought-provoking work by Pulitzer-prize winning playwright Stephen Adly Guirgis, playing from Feb. 12th - March 2nd at Theatre Inconnu, 1923 Fernwood Rd. With a large, zany cast of characters, the play asks one of the most plaguing questions in the Christian ideology: What happened to Judas Iscariot? The facts (we think) are these: Judas was the disciple of Jesus who betrayed his friend and teacher to the authorities. He is seen as the man responsible for Jesus's death; afterwards, Judas fell into despair and hanged himself. Was Judas the duplicitous master of his own fate, a much-suffering pawn used for Jesus's ends, or just a man who made a mistake? Set in a courtroom in Purgatory, The Last Days puts Judas's case on trial, the results of which are said to make play-goers reconsider what each thought they knew about forgiveness, faith and one of history's most infamous figures. Tickets from PWYC to \$14. www.theatreinconnu.com (250) 590 6291 (Strong language warning!)

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

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