

# THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

## *The Presentation of the Lord*

**February 3, 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.

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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**

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

Presider: The Venerable Alastair McCollum

# 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.*

**Presider:** The Venerable Alastair McCollum

**Deacon:** The Reverend Patrick Sibley

**Sermon:** The Venerable Alastair McCollum

**Readers:** Doug Henderson, Karen Coverett

**Intercessor:**

**Verger:** Chuck Neilson

**Audio:** Joel Durkovic

**Music:** The Community Choir

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## 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

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN (CP 380)

HANOVER

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.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**All:** Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

*The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.*

Loving God,  
who has formed us and known us from our mother's womb,  
may we discern your call to us,  
so that we may recognize your call to others.  
In the name of him who calls us  
from our homes to the ends of the earth.

**All: Amen.**

Propers Working Group (2015)

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## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST READING

Malachi 3:1-4

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM

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How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. **R**

The sparrow has found her a house and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. **R**

Blessed are they who dwell in your house: they will always be praising you. Blessed are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. **R**

Who going through the barren valley find there a spring, and the early rains will clothe it with blessing. They will go from strength to strength and appear before God in Zion. **R**

O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; listen, O God of Jacob. Behold our defender, O God, and look upon the face of your anointed. For one day in your courts is better than a thousand. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of ungodliness. **R**

For the Lord God is both sun and shield; he will give grace and glory; no good thing shall the Lord withhold from those who walk with integrity. O Lord God of hosts, blessed are those who put their trust in you. **R**

## THE EPISTLE

Hebrews 2:14-18

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

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## GRADUAL HYMN (CP 621)

INCARNATION

## THE GOSPEL

Luke 2:22-40

*Before the Gospel*

Cantor: Al - le - lu - ia. All: Al - le - lu - ia.

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

All: Al - le - lu - ia.

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.*

## AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE IONA CREED

**All: We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn;  
in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands,  
conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire.**

**We believe in a with-us God  
who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.**

**We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place:  
into action, into vulnerability and into the streets.**

**We commit ourselves to work for change  
and put ourselves on the line;  
to bear responsibility, take risks,  
live powerfully and face humiliation;  
to stand with those on the edge;  
to choose life and be used by the Spirit  
for God's new community of hope. Amen.**

The Iona Worship Book

## **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.*

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## **THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST**

### **OFFERTORY HYMN** (CP 619)

SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU

### **THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS**

God of mercy and grace,  
the eyes of all wait upon you,  
and you open your hand in blessing.  
Fill us with good things at your table,  
so that we may come to the help of all in need,  
through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

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

Eternal God, Source of all being,  
 we give you thanks and praise  
 for your faithful love.  
 You call us into friendship  
 with you and one another  
 to be your holy people,  
 a sign of your presence in the world.  
 When those we trust betray us,  
 unfailingly you remain with us.  
 When we injure others,  
 you confront us in your love  
 and call us to the paths of righteousness.  
 You stand with the weak,  
 and those, broken and alone,  
 whom you have always welcomed home,  
 making the first last, and the last first.  
 Therefore we raise our voices  
 with angels and archangels,  
 forever praising you and singing:

## SANCTUS

**All:** Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
 God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
 Hosanna in the highest.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Hosanna in the highest.

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

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

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

On the night he was betrayed,  
Jesus, at supper with his friends,  
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,  
gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat:  
this is my body which is given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine,  
and when he had given thanks,  
he gave it to them,  
and said, "Drink this, all of you:  
this is my blood of the new covenant  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."  
Loving and Holy One,  
recalling Christ's death and resurrection,  
we offer you these gifts,  
longing for the bread of tomorrow  
and the wine of the age to come.



Therefore we proclaim our hope.

**All: Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Pour out your Spirit on these gifts  
that through them you may sustain us  
in our hunger for your peace.

We hold before you  
all whose lives are marked by suffering,  
our sisters and brothers.  
When we are broken and cast aside,  
embrace us in your love.

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

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours,  
O Source of all life,  
now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

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## **THE LORD'S PRAYER** Ambrosian Chant

**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 for ever. Amen.**

## **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

**All:** Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away 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

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.

Text: Luke 2:29-32 / Music: George Dyson (1883-1964)

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## THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God,

**All:** in this meal you have drawn us to your heart,  
and nourished us at your table with food and drink,  
the body and blood of Christ.

Now send us forth to be your people in the world,  
and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore,  
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.**

### **RECESSIONAL HYMN** (CP 375)

KING'S WESTON

### **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.*

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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.*

**Officiants:** The Reverend Bill Tarter, The Reverend Patrick Sibley

**Music:** The Choristers of St. John the Divine; the MacRae Choral Scholars; the Sutton Organ Scholar

**Setting of the Canticles:** Magnificat: plainsong. Nunc Dimittis: Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

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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 156)

ISTE CONFESSOR

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

Psalms 24

### **FIRST LESSON** **(PLEASE SIT)**

Malachi 3:1-4

### **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 2:22-40

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

Nunc dimittis servum tuum, Domine, secundum verbum tuum in pace: Quia viderunt oculi mei salutare tuum Quod parasti ante faciem omnium populorum: Lumen ad revelationem gentium, et gloriam plebis tuae Israel.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto: Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in sæcula sæculorum. Amen.

*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**

ALMIGHTY and everliving God, we humbly beseech thy Majesty, that, as thy only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple in substance of our flesh, so we may be presented unto thee with pure and clean hearts, by the same thy Son 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** Maria das Jungfräulein (*sung by the choir in German*) – Johannes Eccard (1553-1611)

*When to the temple Mary went, and brought the Holy Child, Him did the aged Simeon see, as it had been revealed. He took up Jesus in his arms and blessing God he said: In peace I now depart, my Saviour having seen, The Hope of Israel, the Light of people. Help now thy servants, gracious Lord, that we may ever be as once the faithful Simeon was, rejoicing but in Thee; and when we must from earth departure take, departure take, may gently fall asleep, may gently fall asleep and with Thee wake.*

(Tr. from the German by J. Troutbeck)

## **PRAYERS** (*Please kneel or sit*)

## **BLESSING** (*Please stand*)

## **HYMN** (NEH 57)

DUNDEE

## **VOLUNTARY**

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## READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 10<sup>TH</sup> – THE 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

**Isaiah 6:1-13** the prophet tells of his calling and the harsh words he is to proclaim.

**Psalms 138** Trouble and enemies are givens in life; grace and preservation to endure and overcome them are sustaining gifts.

**1 Corinthians 15:1-11** The truth of the Gospel does not depend on Paul's adequacy but on Christ's.

**Luke 5:1-11** Peter gets a glimpse of the power and knowledge of Christ, falls before him in the grip of his own sinfulness, yet is called to become a fisher of people.

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## FLOWERS

Given in memory of my dear husband, Peter, who died two years ago today. Gone but never forgotten by his dear family – Michael, Cathy, John and Sylvia Balogh.

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## 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

### Today

11:45 am	Sunday Reflections	Denson Lounge
7:30 pm	Evensong	Church

### Monday 4

2:00 pm	Book Study	Chapel
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### Tuesday 5

10:00 am	Food Bank	Crypt
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### Wednesday 6

7:45 am	Holy Communion followed by Breakfast	Chapel/Denson Lounge
9:30 am	Sermon Circle	Denson Lounge
1:30 pm	Art and Soul Group	Crypt

### Thursday 7

12:10 pm	Meditative Eucharist	Chapel
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### Friday 8

10:00 am	Food Bank	Crypt
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### Saturday 9

10am-2pm	Liturgical Workshop	Church
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### Sunday 10

8:00 am	Holy Communion	Chapel
10:00 am	Parish Eucharist	Church
11:45 am	Sunday Reflections	Denson Lounge

## 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!

**Today** an International Day of Prayer & Ceremony with the Wet'suwet'en Nation is hosted by James-Dakota Smith and Serena Baker

11 am - 1 pm at Centennial Square, Victoria

We will be gathering in Centennial Square in response to the Wet'suwet'en call out for a day of prayer. This is not a protest, or action, this is ceremony. Bring your drums, bring your singing voices, and bring your medicine.

Please be respectful that this is an Indigenous-led event. We encourage that any and all Indigenous drummers and singers come and partake in this ceremony for our northern brothers, sisters, and folk (who are protesting the Trans Mountain pipeline).

Members of St. John's are invited to join the prayers after the service to show support, parking (free) is available in the Fisgard Street Parkade or some may wish to walk together.





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.

**To all Ministers at the Sunday 10am Parish Eucharist:** Sacristans, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Crucifers, Servers, Readers, Intercessors, Greeters, Audio, Vergers, Altar Guild, Choir

**And anyone else who might be interested.**

Dear Friends,

On behalf of our incumbent, Alastair, and the Liturgy Committee I would like to invite you to a **Liturgical Workshop on Sat., Feb. 9<sup>th</sup>, 10am to 2pm**. During our time together, we will discuss various liturgical principles and roles. The discussion of liturgical principles will give us a common framework that will deepen our understanding of the various ministerial roles that are applied in the Eucharist. The purpose of our discussion is to continue creating a positive, respectful and team approach to our ministrations. We will also celebrate the Eucharist.

Please make plans to attend this workshop and let Carol-Ann know via phone (250-383-7169 ext. 226) or email [carolann.zenger@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca](mailto:carolann.zenger@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca)

**The deadline to register is Tuesday, February 5.**

Thank you, *Bill Tarter*

### **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 12**

**" 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.

**Vestry Annual Reports** are to be submitted **no later than Wed., Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>**. Please email them to Carol-Ann at the office: [carolann.zenger@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca](mailto:carolann.zenger@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca)

Please adjust your calendars: **February's Reel Thought** presentation will be a week earlier than usual, on the 13<sup>th</sup>, not the 20<sup>th</sup>. Also, mark your calendars for Lent, when Reel Thought will present a movie each Wednesday after Ash Wednesday until the week before Holy Week (March 13<sup>th</sup> through April 10<sup>th</sup> - no presentation April 17<sup>th</sup>). *(Suggestions welcomed.)*

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. 15<sup>th</sup> 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. 16<sup>th</sup>, 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.



**Best Coast Big Band  
Concert Cabaret  
and Dance**

**Fundraiser for  
Refugee Support**

Saturday, February 16  
7:00 pm  
(doors open 6:40)  
First Met Fellowship Hall  
932 Balmoral Road

**FUN FOR ALL AGES  
Everyone  
Welcome**

Tickets \$20 (\$45 for two adults and children under 17)  
available from First Met or St John the Divine offices, or at the door

Logos: First Met United Church, Best Coast Big Band, St John the Divine Anglican Church

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 [joan.huzar@utoronto.ca](mailto: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 17<sup>th</sup>**

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

The cut-off for tickets is Wed., Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>

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

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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:carolann.zenger@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca).

## **Pastoral Care at St. John the Divine**

Our pastoral care team is made up of trained clergy and lay members of the congregation, and we are here to visit you at home, in a care residence, or at the hospital. We can pray together, have a conversation, read from the scriptures, tell you what is happening at the church, or just sit in silence, depending on what works best for you. We may also bring Holy Communion, if you so wish. We can also connect you with some of the other ministries of care at St John's. For example, with your permission, we can add your name to the Sunday prayer list or the confidential Pastoral Prayer Ministry, or arrange for you to receive the gift of a prayer shawl.

Pastoral care visits can be arranged by calling the church office at **250-383-7169** or by emailing **[pastoral@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca](mailto:pastoral@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca)**. Please include some contact information in your message and a member of the pastoral care team will get back to you as quickly as possible in order to arrange a visit.

*For any urgent, after hours pastoral care need, please call the **on-call cell phone at 778-678-6873**.*

**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.

**We love our donors**

St. John's Food Bank is blessed by generous donors--church members, businesses and caring members of the community.

We have some regular commercial donors and we suggest that if you give them your patronage, you mention the food bank and how appreciative we are.

They include:

- Irene's bakery (wholesale, goods available at many grocery stores),
- WildFire Bakery (1517 Quadra St.)
- Forbes Pharmacy (Fort and Richmond Streets)
- Royal Bank (Douglas and Fort Streets)
- For Good Measure (3831 Cadboro Bay Rd.)
- Starbucks (Oak Bay Avenue)
- The Church Mouse Bookshop (in St. Mary's Anglican Church, Oak Bay)

**A warm welcome**

For those who missed Grant Croswell's sermon last Sunday (or would like a reminder), here is a copy of the welcome offered to Coventry Cathedral worshippers that he quoted:

"We extend a special welcome to those who are single, married, divorced, widowed, straight, gay, confused, well-heeled or down at heel. We especially welcome wailing babies and excited toddlers.

We welcome you whether you can sing like Pavarotti or just growl quietly to yourself. You're welcome here if you're 'just browsing,' just woken up or just got out of prison. We don't care if you're more Christian than the Archbishop of Canterbury, or haven't been to church since Christmas ten years ago.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome keep-fit mums, football dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems, are down in the dumps or don't like 'organized religion.' (We're not that keen on it either!)

We offer a welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or are here because granny is visiting and wanted to come to the Cathedral.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced, both or neither. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down their throat as kids or got lost on the ring road and wound up here by mistake. We welcome pilgrims, tourists, seekers, doubters... and you!"

(Coventry Cathedral - This isn't original to us – but is something we regularly print on the front of our service booklets which has been widely reported and much appreciated...)

The Finance Committee provides this financial statement for year-end, 2018 to keep parishioners informed of St. John the Divine's financial status. The Finance Committee has worked with the bookkeeper to accurately record our revenues and expenses. The committee has also improved efficiencies in the monthly operation of the church and reduced unnecessary expenditures whenever possible. Still, it currently takes more money to operate St. John the Divine than the revenues generated. While our deficit is less than predicted, we continue to rely on investment income and withdrawals to help with the month-to-month expenses.

Through the provision of our financial statements, the Finance Committee hopes that the parishioners are well informed to make decisions about the future health of the finances of St. John the Divine. We are concerned that our investment income will not sustain our needs over an extended period of time given the increasing expenses to maintain our church and the volatility of the financial markets. Following on an unstable final quarter of 2018, our investment fund stood at \$1,576,271 at the end of the year.

As we approach the Annual Vestry Meeting, we will need to make important decisions regarding how to go forward to maintain our building, undertake major projects and to continue to fund the important activities of St. John the Divine.

## St. John the Divine Anglican Church

### Summary Operating Statement: January to December 2018

(amounts in dollars)

	Actual	Budget	Pct. Of Budget
Givings	381,731	373,750	102%
Rental Income	95,511	83,992	114%
Other Fundraising	14,218	8,600	165%
Memorials and Bequests	18,297	-	
Other Operating Income	1,362	-	
Revenues	511,119	466,342	110%
Clergy	159,555	172,599	92%
Worship and Music	98,309	100,021	98%
Diocesan Assessment	112,480	129,887	87%
Family Ministry	41,498	36,904	112%
Building, Maint., Utilities	164,332	158,440	104%
Administration	90,115	89,613	101%
Expenses	666,289	687,464	97%
Net	(155,170)	(221,122)	
Investment Income	101,420	275	
YTD Net	(53,750)	(220,847)	

#### Notes:

- Cottage demolition included
- Interest income was budgeted; investment income was not.
- Does not include food bank or refugee fundraising
- Does not include restricted givings (blue envelopes)

HAPPY  
February

# SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey

## Candlemas

They came, as called, according to the Law.  
Though they were poor and had to keep things simple,  
They moved in grace, in quietness, in awe,  
For God was coming with them to His temple.  
Amidst the outer court's commercial bustle  
They'd waited hours, enduring shouts and shoves,  
Buyers and sellers, sensing one more hustle,  
Had made a killing on the two young doves.  
They come at last with us to Candlemas  
And keep the day the prophecies came true  
We glimpse with them, amidst our busyness,  
The peace that Simeon and Anna knew.  
For Candlemas still keeps His kindled light,  
Against the dark our Saviour's face is bright.

*Malcolm Guite*

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IF MY OWN EXPERIENCE CAN BE TRUSTED,  
*then God does not call us once  
but many times.*

THERE ARE *calls to faith* AND  
*calls to ordination*, BUT IN BETWEEN  
THERE ARE CALLS TO PARTICULAR  
*communities* AND CALLS TO PARTICULAR  
*tasks* WITHIN THEM-- *calls into*  
AND OUT OF *relationships*  
AS WELL AS *calls to seek God*  
WHEREVER *God* MAY BE FOUND.

*Barbara Brown Taylor*

## 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. 12<sup>th</sup> - March 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.theatreinconnu.com) (250) 590 6291 (Strong language warning!)

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## THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

### STEWARDS

**People's Warden:** Graeme Brown

**Rector's Warden:** Chris Eve

**Assistant Warden:** Joan Huzar

**Envelope Secretary:** Jim Harlick

**Treasurer:** vacant

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### STAFF SUPPORTING THE MINISTRY OF ST. JOHN'S

**Rector:** The Ven. Alastair McCollum

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