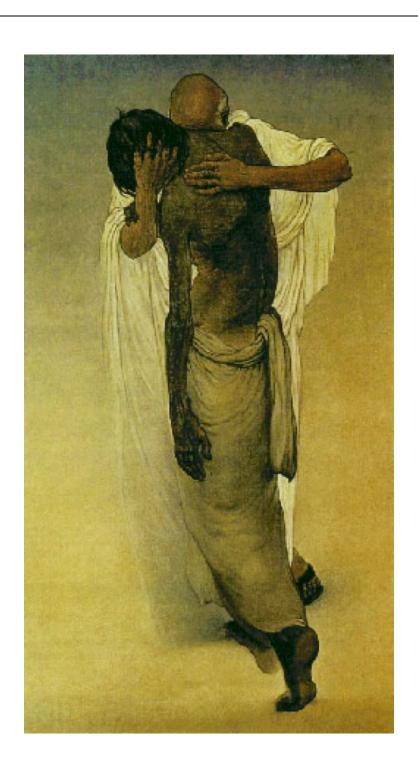
THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The 4th Sunday in Lent

March 31, 2019

We, the people of God, 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 at page 67 in the Book of Common Prayer

Presider: The Venerable Alastair McCollum **Preacher:** 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 Reverend Canon Kevin Arndt

Deacon: The Reverend Patrick Sibley **Sermon:** The Venerable Alastair McCollum **Readers:** Judith Branion, Joel Durkovic

Intercessor: Peggy Wilmot Verger: Rand Harrison

Audio: Doug Adderley

Music: The Choristers of St John; the MacRae Choral Scholars; the Sutton Organ Scholar **Mass Setting:** Missa Quadragesimalis

(M. Haydn, 1737-1806)

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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (CP 484)

ST PETER (CP 620)

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

During Lent, the Gloria is replaced with the Kyrie Eleison.

The Kyries are sung today by the choir:

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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.

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 COLLECT OF THE DAY

Gracious Father,

All: whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came from heaven
To be the true bread which gives life to the world,
Evermore give us this bread,
That he may live in us, and we in him,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever.
Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING Joshua 5:9-12

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM (sung by the choir)

Psalm 32

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, and whose sin is put away!
Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes not guilt, and in whose spirit there is no guile!
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.

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.

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.

"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."

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.

THE EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (CP 520)

DOMINUS REGIT ME

THE GOSPELLuke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

Before the Gospel



Deacon or cantor: I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him: Father I have sinned against heaven and before you.



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.

COMMISSIONING OF PARISH COUNCIL

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 525)

AURELIA

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2



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

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua.
Osanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Osanna in excelsis.

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

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

and carried them home.

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

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. 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:

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ambrosian Chant

Priest: As our saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray:

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 (sung by the choir)

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem. Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

All are invited to receive communion. We share bread and wine at the front of the Church and recommend you wait until the row in front of you has received rather than joining a line-up. If you prefer for any reason not to take either the bread or wine then sharing 'in one kind' is still sharing full communion. It is the practice of the ACC not to dip the bread into the wine. Any not receiving communion are invited to come forward and have a prayer said for you by those distributing the bread, and to indicate that by holding their arms crossed on their chest.

We don't wish there to be any barriers to receiving – Gluten-free wafers are available at both stations on request and if you are unable to come forward for communion please make this known to the Greeters and we will bring communion to you. All are welcome at Christ's table!

There will be a silent pause for reflection and personal prayer following the sharing of Holy Communion.

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

Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice. O let thine ears consider well: the voice of my complaint. If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O Lord, who may abide it? For there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be feared. I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him: in his word is my trust. My soul fleeth unto the Lord: before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch. O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy: and with him is plenteous redemption. And he shall redeem Israel: from all his sins. Amen.

Text: Psalm 130. Music: Thomas Morley (1557-1602)

Following the Communion there will be a pause for Silence.

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.

All: May we who share Christ's body live Christ's risen life; we who drink this cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Alternative Service Book, 1980

THE DOXOLOGY

Glory to God,

All: whose power, working in 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.

DISMISSAL

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN (CP 631)

PADERBORN

VOLUNTARY Fugue in D'Dorian' J.S. Bach (1685-1750) 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.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY

Isaiah 43:16-21 The prophet sounds a recurring theme of the Bible: God is doing something new-why can't we see it?

Psalm 126 God's intervention in changing the community's bad fortune into good, failure into success, tragedy into triumph is celebrated.

Philippians 3:4b-14 Paul speaks of his life in Christ as a process of forgetting what is past and pressing on toward what is to come.

John 12:1-8 A woman cares deeply for Jesus, and he is blessed by her lavish sacrifice and generosity.

During Lent

During Lent we will be marking the season in a number of ways. There is the opportunity for some substantial study and thinking.

Mondays during Lent the Quadra Street church doors will be open to all to come and enjoy **Quiet Meditation** from 12 Noon – 2:00pm.

We are reading and talking over soup at our **Lunch with a Point** on Wednesdays at 12 Noon, with a Bible Study, "Transforming Encounters – meeting with Jesus."

Once again **Reel Thought** is offered weekly through Lent (not including Ash Wednesday or Holy Week) – movies to entertain and provoke thought. These take place at 7:00 pm on Wednesdays.

April 3: Hochelaga, Land of Souls (Canada, 2017, 100 mins.) http://www.imdb.com/title/tt6530104/ April 10: Indian Horse (Canada, 2017, 101 mins.) http://www.imdb.com/title/tt5672286/

Follow the Lenten daily blogs on St. John's website (www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca).

For further ideas for Lenten reading or disciplines to take up for this Holy Season, please contact the Rector. Likewise, following a few enquiries, if anyone would like to 'make their confession' (or, as it is known, practise the **Sacrament of Reconciliation**) please contact the Rector.



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PWRDF Indigenous Languages Preservation Talk followed by Sunday Reflections	Denson Lounge Denson Lounge
Service for Healing	Church
Quiet Meditation	Church
Book Study	Chapel
Food Bank	Crypt
Faith in Justice Series	Denson Lounge
Holy Communion followed by Breakfast	Chapel / Denson Lounge
Sermon Circle	Denson Lounge
Lunch with a Point	Denson Lounge
Art and Soul Group	Crypt
Reel Thought Movie Night Hochelaga, Land of Souls (Canada, 2017, 100 mins.) http://www.	Denson Lounge imdb.com/title/tt6530104/
Meditative Eucharist	Chapel
Chancel Guild Meeting	Denson Lounge
Social Justice and Action Committee Presentation	Denson Lounge
Food Bank	Crypt
Holy Communion	Chapel
Parish Eucharist	Church
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EVENTS

Victoria Baroque Concert "Music of the Heart and Soul"

Church

Today - For our last focus on PWRDF for March, we are going to hear the stories of the three projects that PWRDF funds in Canada that have to do with Indigenous language preservation. Sarah Kell who works in the field, will add to the stories from her own experience. This will happen in the Denson Lounge just before Sunday Reflections.

7:30 pm



Movie Club – Wednesdays during Lent at 7:00 pm in the Denson Lounge

Next Wednesday evening, **April 3,** Reel Thought will present the fourth of its Lenten screenings for 2019 in the Denson Lounge of St. John the Divine Anglican Church (1611 Quadra Street) at 7:00 pm:

Hochelaga, Land of Souls (Canada, 2017, 100 mins.) http://www.imdb.com/title/tt6530104/

Mohawk archaeologist Baptiste Asigny engages in a search for his ancestors following a tragic terrain slump in [McGill University's] Percival Molson Stadium in Montréal. (IMDb)

Layer upon layer of history are revealed when a sinkhole opens during a football game. As an archaeologist explores each layer, the stories of the events that occurred on that spot are told in flashbacks that span Canada's long and varied story.

See also: http://www.easterndoor.com/2018/02/14/re-telling-un-ceded-territorys-story-on-film/

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.

Faith in Justice Series - 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 to 8:30 pm.

Tuesday, April 2 - "The State of BC's Democracy in an Era of Populism"

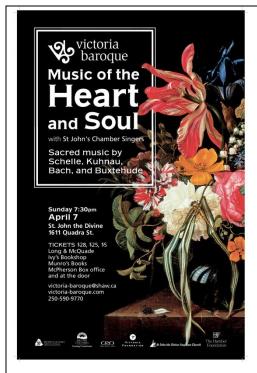
Dermod Travis, Executive Director, Integrity BC, a non-partisan, non-profit political watchdog dedicated to engendering bonds of trust and confidence between citizens and their elected officials. Mr. Travis writes and broadcasts widely on these issues. [This is the session postponed from February 12 - snowday]



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 deadline for ordering is Wednesday, April 3rd. The price of the lilies is \$13. Thank you.

Peace Reflections

The Social Justice and Action Committee welcomes the Victoria Peace Network for a set of reflections on the quest for peace on **Thursday, April 4** in the Denson Lounge, 7.00 to 8.00 p.m. April 4 was the date of the assassination of Martin Luther King, and, as well, marks the 70th anniversary of the founding of NATO. The session will include readings from Dr. King's "Beyond Vietnam" speech and thoughts on military alliances. All are welcome.



Music of the Heart and Soul

Sunday April 7th 7:30pm at St John's

Victoria Baroque � St John's Chamber Singers

Anne van der Sloot, soprano Alana Hayes, mezzo Nolan Kehler, tenor Kyron Basu, baritone

Transcendent sacred music for voices and instruments, by Bach, Kuhnau, Schelle and Buxtehude, including Bach's exquisite motet "Jesu Meine Freude".

Tickets: \$28 / \$25 senior / \$5 student & child Available from the Royal and McPherson Box Offices; at the door; at coffee hour; and from Ivy's Bookshop, Munro's Books, and Long and McQuade

Easter Sunday Brunch, April 21st, by donation on day of Brunch

Tickets are now ready for pickup. They are available from the Front office during the week and at coffee hour after Church on Sundays. Please get them early so we know how many to accommodate. No tickets will be available after Wednesday, April 17th.

Salmon Quiche / Green Salad Chicken Salad Croissant / Green Salad Vegetarian, Vegan, Gluten Free dish available



"AFRICAN DINNER" sponsored by Victoria Grandmothers for Africa in support of the Stephen Lewis Foundation. Sat., May 4th at the DaVinci Centre, at 195 Bay St. Cost: \$65. The SLF now funds over 300 grass-roots projects to assist grandmothers and children orphaned by HIV/Aids. Larry and I will again be hosting a table. Please join us.

Susan Powell at susan7powell@gmail.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.

Request: If there is someone who would take on the task of preparing Amnesty International letters for parish signatures every 4 or 5 weeks, please contact Barbara Jenks.



BLUE-ENVELOPE FOR MARCH

PWRDF has been the Anglican Church of Canada's official relief and development arm for 60 years. Each March, we encourage the St. John's community to contribute to this outstanding international program through the **Blue Envelope Campaign**. PWRDF's work covers such programmatic areas as Preventive Health, Food Security, Women's Empowerment, Disaster/Emergency Relief, Refugee/Migrant Assistance and Indigenous Peoples' Support. PWRDF operates through competent local partners committed to community empowerment and capacity-building. **Please make cheques payable to "St. John the Divine" with PWRDF in the memo line, or mail a cheque directly to the PWRDF.**

In addition to encouraging you to make a monetary contribution this month, we want to challenge you to learn more about PWRDF by:

- Visiting the PWRDF **Display Table** and talking to Wendy or Murray during coffee hour each Sunday in March.
- Going to the PWRDF web site -- **pwrdf.org --** to encounter unique stories about PWRDF's many successful projects around the world.

Thank you for again supporting the **Primate's World Relief and Development Fund Program (PWRDF)** and bringing hope to a world in great need!

SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey

We shall not cease from exploration And the end of all our exploring Will be to arrive where we started And know the place for the first time -T. S. Eliot

"When every hope is gone, 'when helpers fail and comforts flee,' I find that help arrives somehow, from I know not where.

Supplication, worship, prayer are no superstition; they are acts more real than the acts of eating, drinking, sitting or walking.

It is no exaggeration to say that they alone are real, all else is unreal."

— Mahatma Gandhi, The Story of My Experiments With Truth

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES AT ST. JOHN'S

We are an open and affirming church.

Palm Sunday, April 14

8:00 am Holy Communion

10:00 am Liturgy of the Palms and Parish Choral Eucharist

Monday, April 15

7:30 pm Eucharist with Prayers of Penitence

Tuesday, April 16

7:30 pm Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

Wednesday, April 17

7:45 am Holy Communion followed by Breakfast

7:30 pm Stations of the Cross

Maundy Thursday, April 18

No Meditative Eucharist

6:00 pm Parish Potluck

7:30 pm Choral Eucharist for Maundy Thursday, with washing of feet

and stripping of the Altars. Followed by a short time of silent vigil.

Good Friday, April 19

10:00 am Good Friday Family Service

12 Noon-2:00 pm Silence and Meditations

2:00 pm The Good Friday Liturgy, with sung Passion and Meditation on the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 20

8:00 pm The Great Vigil of Easter at Christ Church Cathedral

Easter Day, April 21

8:00 am Holy Communion

10:00 am Festival Choral Eucharist followed by Champagne Brunch

Please note that incense will be used in this service





THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

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