

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The 6th Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2020

As people of God, we celebrate Christ in the heart of Victoria through joyful worship,
building inclusive community, and putting faith into action.

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

We are an inclusive and affirming parish; the sacraments of the church (baptism, communion and marriage) are available to all people on equal terms. Christ welcomes you, and so do we.



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 Venerable Alastair McCollum

Preacher: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

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

Presider: The Venerable Alastair McCollum

Verger: Rand Harrison

Deacon: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

Music: The Choristers of St. John the Divine,

Readers: Judith Branion, Margaret Walker

The Sutton Organ Scholar, The MacRae Choral Scholars

Sermon: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

Intercessor: Jamie Lawson

Audio: Bob McIntosh

A Nursery for children 3 and under is available from 10 am until the start of the Eucharist.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

God be in my head, and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking; God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Text: Sarum Primer, 1558. / Music: Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941).

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (CP 577)

CWM RHONDDA

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



Glo - ry be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will to-wards all.

We praise you, we bless you, we wor-ship you, we glo - ri - fy you,

we give thanks to you for your great glo - ry, O Lord god, heav-en - ly King,

God the Fa-ther al-migh - ty. O Lord the on - ly be-got ten Son, Je-sus Christ;

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a - way the

sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us. You take a - way the sin of the world,

re-ceive our prayer. You are seat-ed at the right hand of God the Fa - ther,

have mer-cy up - on us. For you on-ly are ho - ly; you on-ly are the Lord;

you on - ly, O Christ with the Ho - ly Spir - it,

are most high in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Music: John Merbecke (1510-1585).

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

Almighty and everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ healed the sick
and restored them to wholeness of life,
look with compassion on the anguish of the world,
and by your power make whole all peoples and nations;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *(sung by the choir)*

119:1-8

Happy are they whose way is blameless, who walk in the law of the Lord!

Happy are they who observe his decrees and seek him with all their hearts!

Who never do any wrong, but always walk in his ways.

You laid down your commandments, that we should fully keep them.

Oh, that my ways were made so direct that I might keep your statutes!

Then I should not be put to shame, when I regard all your commandments.

I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, when I have learned your righteous judgments.

I will keep your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (CG 63)

SALLEY GARDENS

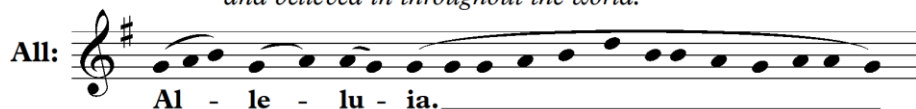
THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:21-37

Before the Gospel



*Deacon or choir: Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations;
and believed in throughout the world.*



God is with you.

All: And also with you.

Hear the Good News of Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Christ.

After the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Following the Sermon there will be a pause for Silence.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please sit, stand or kneel as is your custom.

THE PEACE

Please stand.

The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

All may offer their neighbour a sign of peace.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN (CP 374)

HYFRYDOL

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Eternal God, you are the strength of the weak
and the comfort of sufferers,
receive all we offer you this day;
turn our sickness into health and our sorrow into joy.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prayer 1, Book of Alternative Services

The_ Lord be___ with_ you. And al-so with you. Lift___ up your_ hearts.. We lift___ them to_ the Lord..

Let us give thanks___ to the Lord_ our God. 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

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 creator 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 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 God,
now and for ever.



All: A men A - men A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

I am the bread of life, says the Lord.
Whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst.

**All: Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him.**

THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem.

*Lamb of God, who takes 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.

MOTET DURING COMMUNION

O sacrum convivium,
In quo Christus sumitur,
Recolitur memoria passionis eius;
Mens implatur gratia,
Et future gloriae, nobis pignus datur.
Alleluia.

O sacred banquet,
in which Christ is received,
the memory of His Passion is renewed,
the mind is filled with grace,
and a pledge of future glory is given us.
Alleluia.

Following the Communion there will be a pause for Silence.

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of tender care,
in this eucharist we celebrate your love
for us and for all people.
May we show your love in our lives
and know its fulfilment in your presence.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: Amen.

THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

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

All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN (CP 364)

BLAENWERN

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.

READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 23RD – THE LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Exodus 24:12-18 Awe, wonder, reverence and fear surround the making of the covenant between God and Israel on Mt. Sinai.

Psalms 2 In a psalm of coronation the king is proclaimed a son of God.

2 Peter 1:16-21 With the only reference to the Transfiguration outside the Gospels, we are reminded who Jesus is.

Matthew 17:1-9 Jesus and three disciples on a mountain encounter the presence of God in the Transfiguration of Jesus and a heavenly voice.

FLOWERS

Given to the glory of God and in memory of my father David on his birthday, with love from Carol Denton and Richard Dixon.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Office Hours 9am – 12 Noon Monday to Friday

Today

11:45 am	Sunday Reflections	Denson Lounge
2:00 pm	Pflag	Denson Lounge
6:00 pm	3 rd Sunday Service – An Exploration of Prayer and Eucharist	Church

Monday 17 – Office closed for Family Day

2:00 pm	Book Study	Denson Lounge
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Tuesday 18

12:10 pm	Meditative Eucharist	Chapel
3:00 pm	Memorial Service for Ann Machin	Church
7:00 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Denson Lounge

Wednesday 19

7:45 am	Holy Communion followed by Breakfast	Chapel/Denson Lounge
9:30 am	Sermon Circle	Denson Lounge
12 Noon	Art & Soul Drop In	Church Basement
7:00 pm	Reel Thought Movie Night	Denson Lounge

Thursday 20

5:30 pm	Holy Communion	Denson Lounge
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Sunday 23

8:00 am	Holy Communion	Chapel
10:00 am	Parish Eucharist	Church
11:45 am	Sunday Reflections	Denson Lounge
2:00 pm	Fundraising Concert for The Food Bank at St. John's The Greater Victoria Police Chorus	Church

EVENTS

Are you interested in becoming an occasional reader for one of our worship services?

The diocese requires you to be trained. A Training session for this year is scheduled for after the 10:00 am service today. Please speak with Al Lehmann if you are interested.



Movie Night –

This Wednesday evening, **February 19th**, Reel Thought will present our regular screening for February in the Denson Lounge at 7:00 pm. This month we are marking Black History Month with a Victorian-era Joan of Arc story with connections to Canada:

Harriet (USA; 2019; 125 mins.) <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt4648786/>

Based on the thrilling and inspirational life of an iconic American freedom fighter, *Harriet* tells the extraordinary tale of Harriet Tubman's escape from slavery and transformation into one of America's greatest heroes. Her courage, ingenuity, and tenacity freed hundreds of slaves and changed the course of history. - *Written by Focus Features*

Anyone who achieved what the indomitable Harriet Tubman achieved would be considered remarkable, but when you consider that she was a rural woman of colour with absolutely no privilege in the society into which she was born, her life takes on extraordinary proportions. This film does justice to her life and legacy.

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

Music and Prayer in the Style of Taizé: The next service is at 6:00 pm, Friday, February 21, at the Lutheran Church of the Cross, 3787 Cedar Hill Road. Music practice begins at 5:30. All are welcome!

A Taste of the Greater Victoria Police Choir

This Sunday we welcome a quartet from this great choir. Prior to the service, you will be treated to a "taste" of the fund raising concert to be held on February 23rd at 2:00 pm.

Tickets are only \$20.00 each to hear this awesome choir. Ticket sales are progressing well. Get yours before they are gone!

You are invited to the 2nd Annual
St. John the Divine and Christ Church Cathedral
Shrove Tuesday

Mardi Gras Pancake Supper

February 25th

**Doors open @ 5:30 pm; Dinner @ 6:00 pm
in the Baumann Centre (925 Balmoral Rd)**

Admission by Donation

**Entertainment by Coastline Fiddlers.
Come dressed up if you wish.**

Sign up sheet at the garden door.



NOTICE OF 2020 VESTRY MEETING

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the parishioners of this parish will be held **the 1st day of March, 2020, at 12 Noon, in the Parish Hall**, for the purpose of receiving the 2019 Reports of the Officers and Organizations and approving the 2020 Budget. Bring a brown bag lunch. Vegetarian stew will be available.

ST. JOHN'S COURT SOCIETY

Notice is hereby given of the Annual Meeting of the Society to take place beginning at **12 Noon, Sunday, March 1st, 2020, in St. John's Parish Hall**. All members of St. John's parish are members of the Society.

Kairos Blanket Exercise

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

When: Saturday, March 7th

Time: 1:00-3:00 pm

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

Please **RSVP** to victoriareadp@gmail.com or 250-477-6952

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Requests for intercessory prayer may be made by filling out a Prayer Request Card (at the back of the church on the west wall) or by emailing the information on the card to: admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca. Prayer is the bedrock of our relationship with God through Christ. Prayers are read at Sunday and weekday services.

The Special Monthly Envelope for February is The Food Bank at St. John's & 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 drop-in centre for youth on the street. Volunteers from St. John's and the larger community purchase supplies and cook several large casseroles monthly for the Alliance Club.

Property Committee - After chairing the Property Committee for several years, Andrew Gates has decided to stand down. In his time as chair Andrew has overseen a number of significant projects, such as the update to the building envelope study, starting a project to repair the church's drainage system, starting the processes to develop a long-term plan for the maintenance of the property, and the analysis of property related expenses in the budget.

We would like to thank Andrew for everything he has achieved as well as his leadership and humour which kept the meetings enjoyable yet very productive.

RESOURCES AND STATEMENT – WET’SUWET’EN SOLIDARITY

This message was sent by Bishop Logan, February 13th, 2020:

Friends,

I want to first thank those of you who joined me today in our walk of solidarity with the Wet’suwet’en hereditary chiefs and their supporters. Over the lunch hour approximately 50 of us walked from the steps of Christ Church Cathedral to the grounds of the legislature. At both the beginning and the end we prayed, shared scripture (Romans 12:1-8) and spoke about why we were gathered there. I, personally, saw this as another step along the Sacred Journey that we’ve been on together.

I know many of you are looking for information to share with parishioners about why we have taken this action. For us this is not about politics, it’s about faith. Our job, as spiritual leaders, is to educate the body of Christ about our role as reconcilers and bearers of Christ’s peace. The work of reconciliation is not simply something we talk about when there is no conflict, it is something we are called to embody in the midst of conflict. And this, friends, is where we find ourselves today. We continue to journey, healing the wounds of history and building a culture of peace.

We are standing in peaceful solidarity and respect for Wet’suwet’en people and their law---a law that has existed for millennia. We are calling on all levels of government to live up to the commitments made in Bill 41 (Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples) and to embody the values and principles of reconciliation the government purports to uphold.

We are not protesting pipelines.

In our efforts to share as much information as possible with Anglicans on these islands and inlets about this issue, I am asking that you read the information via the links below about this issue:

(links also available via St John’s Website news post)

<http://unistoten.camp/supportertoolkit2020/>

<https://theconversation.com/corporations-dont-seem-to-understand-indigenous-jurisdiction-109608>

<https://www.anglican.ca/news/statement-on-conflict-on-wetsuweten-unceded-territory/30025668/>

<https://bc.anglican.ca/news/bishop-calls-on-premier-to-return-to-table-with-wetsuweten-hereditary-chiefs--418>

<https://bc.anglican.ca/news/bishop-calls-on-diocese-to-walk-in-solidarity-with-wetsuweten-hereditary-chiefs>

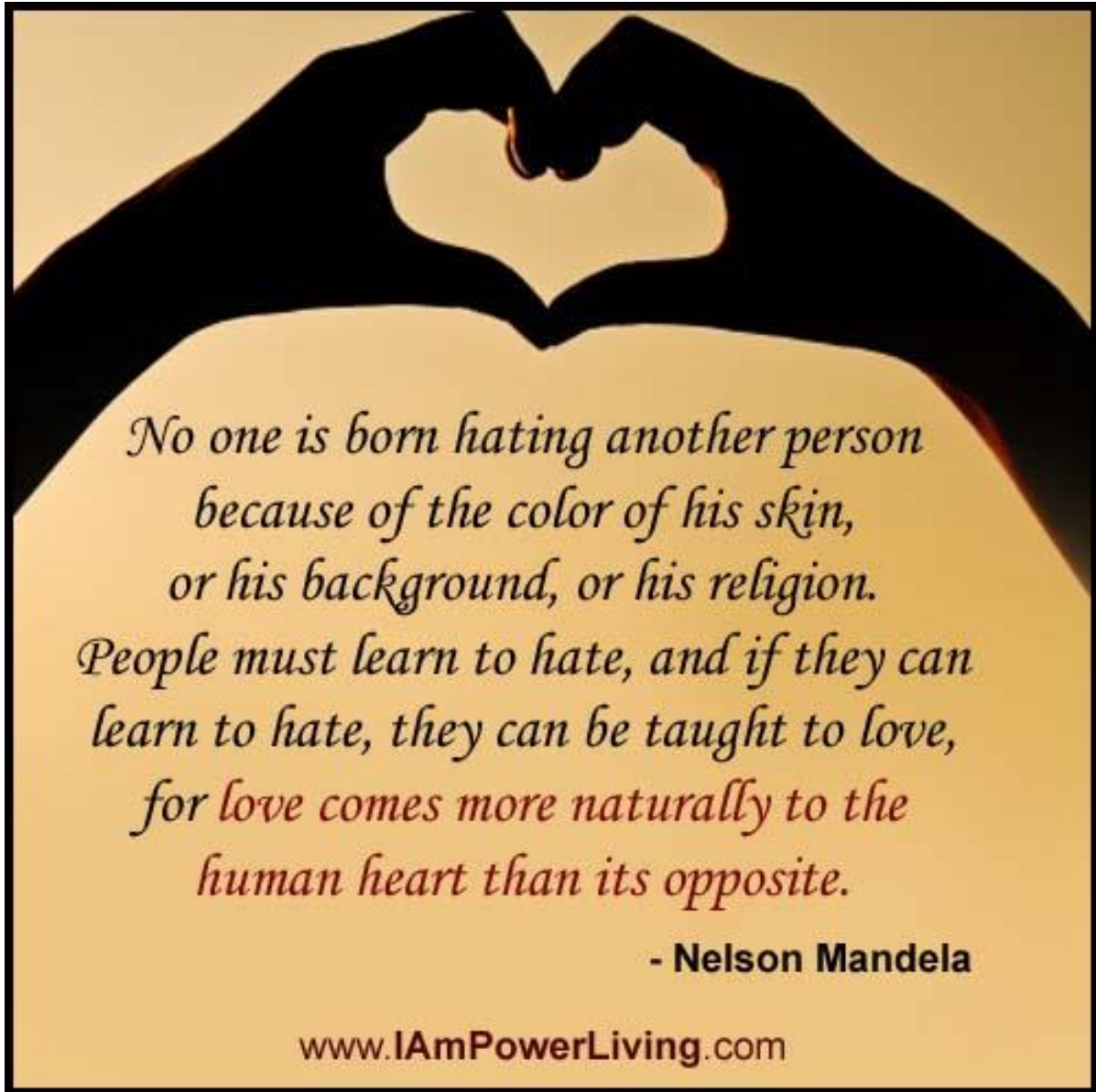
I know and appreciate the pressure you are under during this time. I hope these resources prove helpful. If you need further support, please feel free to reach out to Barry Foster or stop by the synod office for a cup of coffee and a chat. We are here to support you.

Peace,

+Logan

SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey.



*No one is born hating another person
because of the color of his skin,
or his background, or his religion.*

*People must learn to hate, and if they can
learn to hate, they can be taught to love,
for love comes more naturally to the
human heart than its opposite.*

- Nelson Mandela

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