

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The 13th Sunday after Pentecost

September 8, 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 lands of the Lekwungen speaking people.

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

DISCIPLESHIP



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. *Today we will be in the garden for a Parish Barbecue.*

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 Grant Croswell

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

Intercessor: Lorraine Gates

Deacon: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

Verger: David Pupak

Sermon: The Reverend Grant Crosswell

Audio: Joel Durkovic

Readers: Virginia Miller, Judith Branion

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

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

Jealous God,
you call us to hate the life
that is an echo of death and a whisper of fear:
give us the courage to pass through shadows
and count the cost of a love beyond measure;
through Jesus Christ, the one who is fully alive.

All: Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009)

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Jeremiah 18:1-11

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *(sung by the cantor)*

139:1-5, 12-17

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways. Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.
Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I will thank you because I am marvellously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.
How deep I find your thoughts, O God! how great is the sum of them!
If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

THE EPISTLE

Philemon 1-21

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (CP 500)

SERVANT SONG

THE GOSPEL

Luke 14:25-33

Before the Gospel



Cantor: Let your countenance shine upon your servant and teach me your statutes.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN (CP 372)

GERONTIUS

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of all creation,
all you have made is good,
and your love endures forever.
You bring forth bread from the earth
and fruit from the vine.
Nourish us with these gifts,
so that we might for the world
be signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Supplementary Eucharistic Prayer 2

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff has four measures with lyrics: "The Lord be with you. And al-so with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord." The second staff has two measures with lyrics: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise." Above the first staff, the vocal directions "Priest:", "All:", "Priest:", and "All:" are placed above the first, second, third, and fourth measures respectively. Above the second staff, "Priest:" is above the first measure and "All:" is above the second measure.

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

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: A men A - men A - men.

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.

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.

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, almighty God,
that you have refreshed us
through the healing power of this gift of life.
In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift,
in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)

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

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord!
All: Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN (CP438)

WOLVERCOTE

VOLUNTARY

You are invited to be seated for the Voluntary or to leave at this point.

Parish BBQ in the garden; coffee, tea and dessert will be served in the Denson Lounge.

READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 8

Jeremiah 4:11, 12, 22-28 The prophet pronounces words of judgment against God's people breaking covenant.

Psalms 14 This psalm speaks out against social and economic corruption caused by fools who do not know God.

1 Timothy 1:12-17 Today's epistle reading from First Timothy, written as a letter by Paul to one of his closest co-workers, summarizes Paul's mistakes and his experience of divine mercy.

Luke 15:1-10 Jesus tells two parables inviting the righteous to celebrate the restoration of the lost.

FLOWERS

In loving memory of our parents, Betty & Tom Melville and Margurite & Harold Henrikson, from Bruce and Gerry Melville.

Office Hours 9am – 12 Noon Monday to Friday

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today

11:30 am Welcome Back BBQ Church Garden and Denson Lounge

Monday 9

12:30 pm Pastoral Care Team Meeting Denson Lounge

1:30 pm The Divine Knitters Denson Lounge

4:00 pm The Living Presence Meditation Chapel

Tuesday 10

10:00 am Food Bank Church Basement

Wednesday 11

7:45 am Holy Communion followed by Breakfast Chapel/Denson Lounge

9:30 am Sermon Circle Denson Lounge

Thursday 12

12:10 pm Meditative Eucharist Chapel

Friday 13

10:00 am Food Bank Crypt

Sunday 15

8:00 am Holy Communion Chapel

10:00 am Parish Eucharist Church

2:00 pm Pflag Denson Lounge

EVENTS



Welcome Back - today we commence our Fall Program with a welcome back during the 10:00 am service, a chance to re-connect after the summer holidays followed by a **BBQ in the garden** for the whole parish family.

Diviners' Walk – Friday, September 13th – meeting time is 5:30 pm (we wait 10 minutes only for latecomers): **Pat Bay Park**. Meet on West Saanich Road, near Mills Road, kitty corner to Holy Trinity Church. **Pub:** Mary's Bleue Moon Café, 9535 Canora Road, Sidney, 250-655-4450.

If you wish to join us for the meal only, please let Larry know ahead of time.

There will be a **discussion** in the Denson Lounge after the 10am service **next Sunday, September 15th**, regarding the next steps to **organizing a community event** to take the place of the Divine Brunch. All those who might be willing to contribute to arranging and/or running such an event are encouraged to come. More details in the coming weeks.

The Book Study will begin again on Monday, September 16th in the Chapel at 2:00 pm. We will begin discussing "The Four Vision Quests of Jesus" by Steven Charleston. Some books have been ordered and if you have not bought yours yet, please contact Pat Manning or Rhoda Brodie-Smith. Everyone is welcome. We anticipate a very engaging discussion of this book.

Taizé Services for Autumn, 2019

Ecumenical Taizé services return to James Bay United, 511 Michigan St., on Fridays, September 20th, October 18th, and November 15th at 6:00 pm. Doors open at 5:30 for meditation. Start your weekend with this quiet service of chant, prayer and scripture. Let us enter together into the mystery of God's presence.

Safe Church Workshop at St. John's

Saturday, September 21st, 9am-12 Noon in the Denson Lounge.

The purpose of the Safe Church Program is to ensure that our parishes are places of safety and wholeness for those who come to us seeking the love of Christ, and to ensure that all of our volunteers, and employees are aware of their own personal safety and are equipped to manage their own personal risk.

To register: Contact the church office at 250-383-7169 or admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca. There is also a sign-up sheet at the garden door.

Registration closes Wednesday, September 18th.

THIS IS A REMINDER - **ART & SOUL, SUMMER ART CHALLENGE**

To members of St. John's congregation, children of all ages and their friends: share with us your summer creations! Please let Gillian Barlow, Susan McCabe or Carol-Ann know if you have work(s) to share with us. **We need to know numbers today.** We plan to have a Summer Art & Soul Challenge show on Sunday, September 22nd, **(please note change of date)** at coffee time in the Denson Lounge. Prizes will be awarded.



ORANGE SHIRT DAY SEPTEMBER 30

Join us in our diocesan-wide support of Orange Shirt Day and help raise awareness of the need for First Nations, local governments, schools and communities to come together in the spirit of reconciliation and hope.

On **Sunday, September 29**, wear an orange shirt to church to honour residential school survivors and the children who did not survive Canada's painful residential school system.

T-shirts can be purchased at Cafe Fantastico on Quadra near Bay, Fernwood Yoga Den or any Big Wheel Burger location. Cost: \$20.

There will be a **Pancake Breakfast** served between the morning services from 8:30 to 9:30 in the parish hall for members of St. John's. If you plan to attend please sign up on the sheet provided at the Garden Door so that we know how many to prepare for.

St. Peter and St. Paul Anglican Church present South Island Harmony – Sat., October 5th at 2pm:

Join Southern Vancouver Island's only male voice a cappella chorus for an afternoon of harmony and song.

Tickets \$20 - Show time @ 2pm at St. Peter and St. Paul Anglican Church Esquimalt, 1379 Esquimalt Road. For more information and to purchase tickets please visit www.stpeterandpaul.ca, email admin@stpeterandpaul.ca or call the office at 250-686-6833.

Women's Autumn Weekend Retreat – Camp Pringle, October 18th-20th.

“God’s Story in You”

Facilitator: The Right Reverend Logan McMenamie

Spiritual Leader: The Venerable Dawna Wall

(Registration deadline Oct. 4th) Cost \$250.00 – Shared Accommodation only left.

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: admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca.

Sunday Morning Nursery - This is provided for children aged 0-3 years. It is staffed by two adults. It is accessed through the door near the pulpit, leading towards the church office. Please pass this information on to people you know, who may want to attend church, but feel deterred because they have small children with them.

SJD Refugee Support Group sets a direction

Over 20 parishioners were in the Denson Lounge on Tuesday for a wide-ranging discussion on the future of refugee ministry at St. John's. We decided:

- our energy level was pretty low so we needed at least a year's break from new sponsorships with the Diocese to give the group a chance to recover;
- we recognised about a quarter of those present have been engaged in this work for over 30 years;
- we would continue to care for Coumba, Mady and Idriss as well as people who sought our help like Mariam Kebbeh who hopes to have two of her three children arrive in Canada soon;
- to give a big shout out to Kathy Cook and First Met for their friendship, support and collaboration in this ministry over the last five years;
- we have helped hundreds of newcomers get settled in Canada;
- while the financial support period has ended both the Bilal and Ghebremeskel support groups will keep ministering to the families as needed; and
- this was all something to be celebrated.

Bill Williamson agreed to chair the group during the one-year sabbatical which will also involve a party to celebrate our achievements and invite all the newcomers we have sponsored whom we can find and our friends from First Met - tentative date January 2020.

Mariam Kebbeh - two children arriving

Our parish has been helping Mariam get her children here from Senegal. Two of them - Kabir and Mammahaddy - will arrive in Victoria on September 18th.

Ahmed - the youngest - has been held up because somewhere between the Ministry of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship and the local embassy his file disappeared and all the paperwork had to be resubmitted.

Thank you to everyone who has been involved in supporting this family.

The Special Blue Envelope for September is for the Food Bank at St. John's. The Food Bank at St. John's provides staple food items to those in need in our community.

Vergers Needed: If you think you might like to be a Verger but not quite sure what they do, please contact Chuck Neilson at chuckger@gmail.com

Let Justice Roll Newsletter

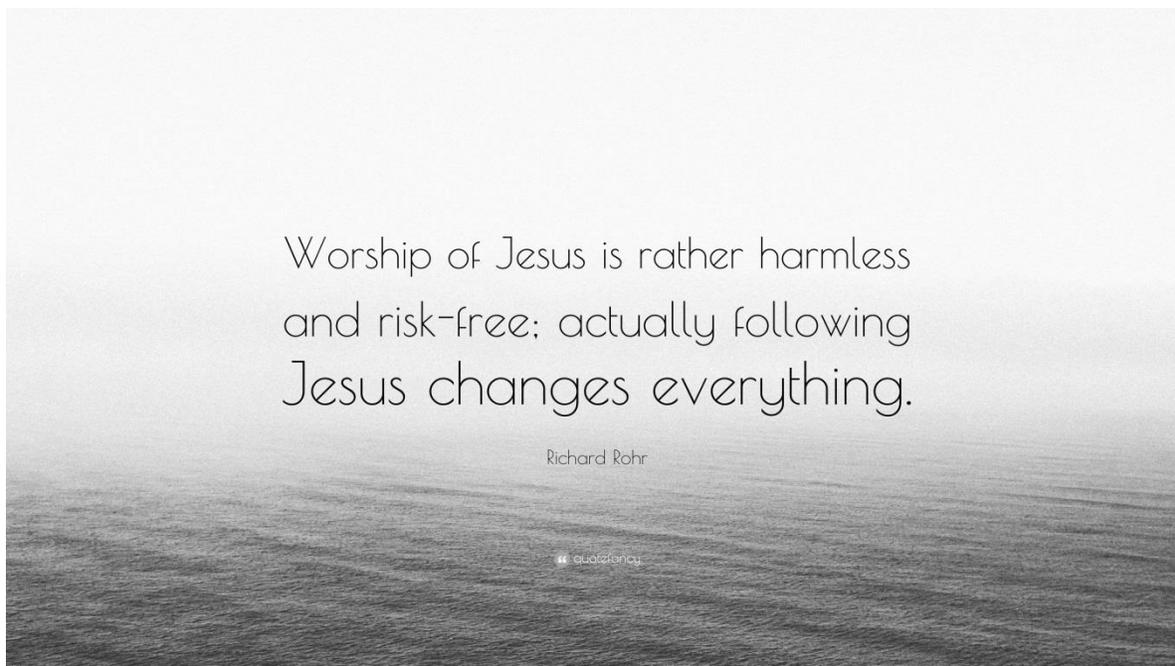
The Fall Issue (#7) of "Let Justice Roll" has just rolled off the press! It is available now, free to all interested St. John's members. This issue's central theme is Climate Change! It also features an interview with esteemed St. John's parishioner Ted Hughes, as well as an editorial on the Synod Meeting/Marriage Canon by Reverend Bill Tarter! This LJR also includes a special tribute to L'Arche founder Jean Vanier. The quarterly newsletter is a project of the St. John's Social Justice and Action Group (SJAG). Pick-up your copy at either entrance to the Sanctuary, or outside the Church Office.

An **endowment fund** has been created by the Senior Residents of the Cridge Centre for Family that will provide an **annual \$1,000 bursary for an indigenous student** enrolled in an approved program to upgrade their skills and employability. The hope is to raise \$25,000 with the Cridge Centre matching the first \$5K. This will create an annual \$1,000 bursary in perpetuity. Please see Marcia Williams for any questions you might have.

A reminder to all who use the Parish House kitchen and Denson Lounge, to please clean up after yourselves and after all meetings. Unfortunately there is no kitchen angel to come and do this for us.

SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey.



The John Albert Hall Lecture Series presents this six-part BBC-TV series.

Includes facilitated discussions and a live interaction with Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch

Admission is free

Saturday September 7, 9:00 am – Noon

Christ Church Cathedral, Quadra St & Rockland Ave

Episode 1: The First Christianity

Episode 2: Catholicism: The Unpredictable Rise of Rome

Saturday September 14, 9:00 am – Noon

Lutheran Church of the Cross, 3787 Cedar Hill Rd

Episode 3: Orthodoxy: From Empire to Empire

Episode 4: Reformation: The Individual Before God

Saturday September 21, 9:00 am – Noon

Holy Cross Catholic Parish, 4049 Gordon Head Rd

Episode 5: Protestantism: The Evangelical Explosion

Episode 6: God in the Dock

Saturday October 5, 9:30 am – 11:30 am

Christ Church Cathedral, Quadra St & Rockland Ave

Join Diarmaid MacCulloch in person for a wide-ranging conversation about his book, the TV series, and other topics of historical and contemporary interest.

Wonderful Wednesdays (and Thursdays, too!) at St. George's Church in Cadboro Bay

St. George's is excited to announce the 2019 Fall Series:

Wednesday Morning Sessions:

9:30 am – Tea and Treats

10:00 am Speaker Presentation

Thursday Evening Sessions

7:00 pm – Speaker Presentation

Refreshments to follow

- **Wed, September 11th at 10am** – Dr. John Thatamanil, “Greening Faith: An Intro to Eco-theology”
- **Thurs, September 12th at 7pm** – Adam Olsen, MLA, “Decarbonize and Decolonize”
- **Wed, September 18th at 10am** – Glenys Verhulst, “Saanich Climate Action Plan”
- **Thurs, September 19th at 7pm** – Dr. Trevor Hancock, “Welcome to the Anthropocene: Towards a One Planet Region”
- **Wed, September 25th at 10am** – Elena Dopfer, “Climate Friendly Home”
- **Thurs, September 26th at 7pm** – Diana Gibson, “Social Justice in a One Planet Region – Cost and Benefits for Vulnerable Populations”
- **Wed, October 2nd at 10am** – Dr. Matt Murphy, “Sustainable Investing: Strategies, Tools, and Evidence”
- **Thurs, October 3rd at 7pm** – Dr. Rick Kool, “Environmental Violence: Trying to Understand, Confront, and Reduce Our Damage”

Notes about Music

Our choirs return starting next week, Sept 15th, with the Choristers singing the Parish Eucharist; today is the last of our quieter ‘summer Sundays’. However, the psalm is sung by Soile Stratkauskas, and we re-introduce the Gospel Alleluia which we omitted through the holiday month of August.



The Choristers in particular are seeking a few more voices this season, especially basses! Do you know someone who would love to sing great sacred choral music in its proper liturgical context, who has ensemble experience, and who reads music quite well? Maybe that's even you? Or maybe it's a student (high school or university) in your family or amongst your friends - there are modest bursaries available for students who are accepted to sing with the Choristers.

Get in touch with David at sjdchoirs@gmail.com to find out more!

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