

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The 5th Sunday after Epiphany

February 9, 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.

FLOWERS

Flowers are given to the glory of God. ‘Rex, even though you have been gone fifteen years, we will always miss you. Love from Louise and family’.

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 Venerable Alastair McCollum

Deacon: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

Readers: Karen Coverett, Elizabeth McAuley

Sermon: The Reverend Grant Crosswell

Intercessor: Lorraine Gates

Audio: Al Lehmann

Vergers: Douwe Bosma

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

Mass Setting: Adrian Batten (1591-1637) *Short Communion Service*

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

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (NEH 466)

MOSCOW

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 towards 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.

Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 58:1-12

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM *Sung by the Choir*

112:1-10

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments!

Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.

Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last for ever.

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteous are merciful and full of compassion.

It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice.

For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance.

They will not be afraid of any evil rumours; their heart is right; they put their trust in the Lord.

Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies.

They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast for ever; they will hold up their head with honour.

The wicked will see it and be angry; they will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish.

THE EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 2:1-16

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (CP 171)

SHARPTHORNE

THE GOSPEL

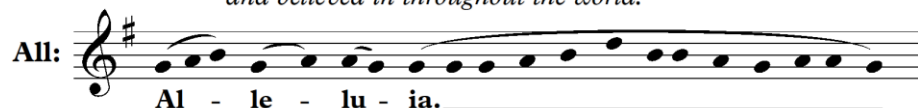
Matthew 5:13-20

Before the Gospel:

Cantor:  **All:** 

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

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

All: 

Al - le - lu - ia.

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 497)

SONG 1

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

God of compassion and forgiveness,
receive our offering this day,
and make us one with him who is our peace,
Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All: Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prayer 1, Book of Alternative Services

The musical notation consists of two staves. The first staff has four measures, alternating between 'Priest:' and 'All:'. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The second staff has two measures, alternating between 'Priest:' and 'All:'. The lyrics are: '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 *Sung by the choir*

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.*

*Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest.*

Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise.
In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ,
to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you, the God and author 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 Father,
now and for ever.



All: A men A - men A - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ambrosian Chant

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 *Sung by the choir.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

MINISTRY OF HEALING

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

ANTHEM DURING COMMUNION

O salutaris hostia
quae caeli pandis ostium,
bella premunt hostilia:
da robur, fer auxilium

Uni trinoque Domino
sit sempiterna gloria,
qui vitam sine termino
nobis donet in patria.

*O saving victim
who opens the gate of heaven,
hostile wars press on us:
give strength, bring aid.*

*To the Lord, three in one,
be everlasting glory,
for life without end
he gives us in the Kingdom.*

Text: St. Thomas Aquinas (1225-1274) Music: Pierre de la Rue (1452-1518)

Following the Communion there will be a pause for silence.

THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, in you we find peace beyond all telling.
May we who share in this heavenly banquet be instruments of your peace on earth,
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 393)

ST DENIO

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 16 – THE 6TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Here is a summary of the Book of Deuteronomy: obedience to the law, a gift from God, is a matter of life and death.

Psalms 119:1-8 Happy are those who walk in the law of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Getting along with, working well with, others in the faith community is elementary to practicing the Christian faith.

Matthew 5:21-37 Jesus teaches on the primary importance of respectful personal relationships of integrity.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Office Hours 9am – 12 Noon Monday to Friday

Today

11:30 am Parish Brunch Hall

Monday 10

1:00 pm Garden Eucharist Memorial Garden

1:30 pm The Divine Knitters Denson Lounge

2:00 pm Book Study Walking Together Chapel

4:00 pm Living Presence Meditation Walking Together Chapel

Tuesday 11

10:00 am Food Bank Church Basement

12:10 pm Meditative Eucharist Chapel

2:00 pm ACW Meeting Denson Lounge

Wednesday 12

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

Thursday 13

5:30 pm Holy Communion Denson Lounge

Friday 14

10:00 am Food Bank Church Basement

6:30 pm kidspace Church and Parish House

Sunday 16

8:00 am Holy Communion Chapel

10:00 am Parish Eucharist Church

11:45 am Sunday Reflections Denson Lounge

2:00 pm Pflag Denson Lounge

6:00 pm 3rd Sunday Service – Exploration of Prayer and Eucharist 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 February 16th. Contact Al Lehmann.

Spiritual Director Sherri Koster will be at St. John's Monday, Febr. 10 and Tuesday, Febr. 11. If you have questions or would like an appointment please contact Sherri.

Vestry Annual Reports are to be submitted no later than Wed., Feb. 12th.

Please email them to Carol-Ann at the office: admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca

The Greater Victoria Police Choir will sing at St John's February 23rd at 2:00 pm as a fundraiser for the Food Bank. They are an awesome choir. Tickets are only \$20.00. Get yours before they are gone!

Be prepared for a taste of the Choir on Sunday, February 16th, during the announcements. Watch this space for details!!

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.

PWRDF moment: Australian wild fires! PWRDF has been in contact with our counterparts on the Australian Board of Mission and Anglican Overseas Aid (agencies of the Anglican Church of Australia and fellow members of the Anglican Alliance). PWRDF announced a \$5,000 solidarity grant to be given to the Anglican Board of Mission's bushfire appeal, which has been set up to accept overseas donations. Those wishing to give to the Australian bushfire appeal, click on <https://pwrdf.org/give-today/> then choose 'Emergency Response'. Or, mail your cheque to PWRDF, 80 Hayden Street, 3rd floor, Toronto, M4Y 3G2 (indicating Australia appeal on the cheque) or call toll-free at 1-866-308-7973. Indicate your parish and diocese, and please do not leave credit card information on a voice mail. PWRDF will provide tax receipts later. Because this is an emergency appeal, it is best to give directly to PWRDF in this way, since if you give through your parish your donation may not arrive in time.

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.

SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey.

Tevyn East and Jay Beck

We live in a world already turned on its head. A desolate, de-souled world that practices the superstitious worship of machines and the idolatry of arms, an upside down world, with its left on its right, its belly button on its backside, and its head where its feet should be. In this upside down world, children work, “development” impoverishes, the poor pay the rich, and people are bombed in order to be “liberated.” In this grotesque looking glass wonderland, free speech is paid for, cars are in the streets where people should be, public servants don’t serve, free trade is a monopoly, the more you have the more you get and a handful of the global population consumes a majority of the resources, If the world is upside the way it is now, wouldn’t we have to turn it over to get it to stand up straight? --- Eduardo Galeano (1998:337)

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STEWARDS

People's Warden: Graeme Brown
Associate Warden: Joan Huzar
Envelope Secretary: Jim Harlick

Rector's Warden: Chris Eve
Associate Warden: Karen Coverett
Treasurer: David Buckman

PARISH COUNCIL

David Buckman, Carol Denton, Marguerite Heppell, Penny Holt, Elizabeth McAuley

STAFF SUPPORTING THE MINISTRY OF ST. JOHN'S

Rector: The Ven. Alastair McCollum
Associate Priest: The Rev'd Canon Kevin Arndt
Associate Priest: The Rev'd Bill Tarter
Associate Priest: The Rev'd Grant Croswell
Deacon: The Rev'd Patrick Sibley

Director of Music: David Stratkauskas
Family Ministry Coordinator: Ruth MacIntosh
Parish Administrator: Carol-Ann Zenger

HONORARY ASSISTANTS

The Rev'd Derek Dunwoody / The Rev'd Canon Andrew Gates
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