

# THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

***The 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost***

***November 17, 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 (baptism, communion and marriage) are available to all people on equal terms. Christ welcomes you, and so do we.

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**Welcome to the Parish Church of St. John the Divine**, Victoria. We are a community of faith in the Anglican Tradition, seeking to live lives of faith, hope and love as part of this community of Downtown Victoria. We are on a journey of learning to be a welcoming, inviting, inclusive and serving community which is open to all.

Our worship reflects our rootedness in the Anglican tradition, whilst drawing on liturgies that reflect the long history and heritage of our Christian faith. Please join in as you feel able, and enjoy the words, music and opportunity for prayer and to be a part of our community.

If our service seems unfamiliar, please follow the cues from our leaflet, the ministers leading the service and those around you. Most of our Sunday morning worship services have the Eucharist, or Holy Communion, at the heart of our worship – please feel free to join us, whatever your tradition, in the sharing of bread and wine. Gluten free wafers are available: Please indicate if you need one.

Within the Anglican Church of Canada (under the advice of the Primate and the Chief Medical Officer for Canada) we would ask that bread is not dipped into the wine, as this has the potential to spread infection in a way that the sharing of the cup does not. If you would prefer not to share the cup then receiving only bread is considered ‘full communion’ (also known as ‘Communion in One Kind’).

If there is anything that you wish to talk about, please do take the opportunity to talk to the worship leaders, ministers and other members of the congregation following the service. If you wish to receive prayer for yourself or for another, there will be members of our Healing Prayer group in the south Quadra entrance who would be happy to pray with you as the Holy Communion is shared.

After our service we usually share coffee and an opportunity to get to know one another, in the Church Hall – through the door on the front left hand side. We have many visitors and newcomers here so please make yourself known to folks as you feel comfortable. Join us today for Brunch.

You are very welcome here. We don’t always get it right; please let us know when we do, and when we don’t. Please stay and be a part of our family, for however long you would like.

## **8:00 am Holy Communion**

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

**Presider:** The Reverend Grant Croswell

# 10:00 am Parish Eucharist

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

**Presider:** The Reverend Canon Kevin Arndt

**Audio:** Patrick Ryan

**Deacon:** The Reverend Patrick Sibley

**Verger:** Douwe Bosma

**Readers:** Mary Alford, Joel Durkovic

**Music:** The Choristers of St. John the Divine,

**Sermon:** The Reverend Grant Croswell

The Sutton Organ Scholar, The MacRae Choral Scholars

**Intercessor:** Kit Pearson

**The Mass Setting:** Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni (1657-1743)

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

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## THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN (CP 310)

MIT FREUDEN ZART

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.**

#### 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.**

#### PRAYERS OF PENITENCE AND FORGIVENESS

*The Presider may introduce the prayers.*

*Please repeat "Lord have mercy" or "Christ have mercy" after the priest.*

*The Priest reminds us of God's healing and forgiveness.*

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

*Cantor or*

*Priest:* Glory be to God on high,

*Choir:* And on earth peace, good will towards all.



**All:** We praise\_\_\_\_\_ you\_\_\_\_

*Choir:* We bless you.



**All:** We wor - ship\_\_\_\_ you.

*Choir:* We glorify you.



**All:** We give\_ thanks to\_\_\_\_ you\_\_\_\_ for your\_ great glo - ry.

*Choir:* O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.



**All:** O Lord, the on - ly be-got-ten Son, Je - sus\_\_\_\_ Christ.

*Choir:* O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.



**All:** You take a way\_ the sins of the world, have mer - cy up - on us.

*Choir:* You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer.



**All:** You are seat - ed at the right hand of God the Fa - ther,



have mer - cy up - on us.

*Choir:* For you only are holy.



**All:** You on - ly\_\_\_\_ are\_\_\_\_ the\_\_\_\_ Lord.

*Choir:* You only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, are most high in the glory of God the Father.



Translation: Book of Common Prayer, modernised. / Music: Missa viii, 'De Angelis'.

## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

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

Almighty God,  
 you sent your Son Jesus Christ  
 to be the light of the world.  
 Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us,  
 and bring us to eternal light and joy;  
 through the power of him who is alive  
 and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
 one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

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## THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

### THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 65:17-25

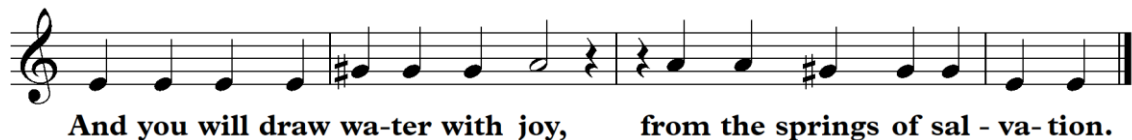
Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### CANTICLE

Isaiah 12:2-6

*The refrain is sung first by the cantor and repeated, sung by all; after each set of verses it is sung by all:*



*Choir:* And you will say in that day, I will give you thanks, Yahweh, that you were angry against me. Your anger turns and you comfort me. Behold, God is my salvation. I will trust and I will not dread. For my strength and my psalm is Yahweh, and he has become my salvation.

**All: And you will draw water with joy, from the springs of salvation.**

**Choir:** And you will say in that day, Give thanks to Yahweh. Call in his name. Make known among the peoples his prodigality. Remember that set on high is his name. Sing a psalm to Yahweh for proud things he has done. This is known in all the earth. Be bright and shout for joy, inhabitants of Zion. For great and near you is the Holy One of Israel.

**All:** And you will draw water with joy, from the springs of salvation.

Text: Song of Thanksgiving (Is. 12:2-6); tr. Bob MacDonald.

Music: arr. Bob MacDonald, based on the work of Suzanne Haik-Vantoura.

## THE EPISTLE

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**All:** Thanks be to God.

## GRADUAL HYMN (ECUSA 541)

ORA LABORA

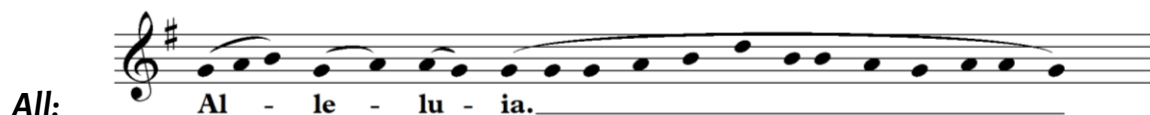
## THE GOSPEL

Luke 21:5-19

*Before the Gospel*



**Cantor:** Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.



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

God is with you.

**All:** And also with you.

Hear the Good News of Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**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.*

## 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.*

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## THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

### OFFERTORY HYMN (NEH 333)

MICHAEL

### THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Merciful God,  
as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills  
were gathered together to become one bread,  
so let your church be gathered together  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,  
for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Prayer 3, Book of Alternative Services

The musical notation is written on two staves. The first staff has four measures, each with a label above it: 'Priest:', 'All:', 'Priest:', and 'All:'. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff has two measures, each with a label above it: 'Priest:' and 'All:'. The lyrics continue below the notes.

*Priest:* The Lord be with you. *All:* And al-so with you. *Priest:* Lift up your hearts. *All:* We lift them to the Lord.

*Priest:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *All:* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
By water and the Holy Spirit  
you have made us a holy people  
in Jesus Christ our Lord;  
you renew that mystery in bread and wine and nourish us,  
to show forth your glory in all the world.  
Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the holy people  
who have served you in every age,  
we raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

### SANCTUS *(sung by the choir)*

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

*Holy, holy, holy  
Lord God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*



Benedictus qui venit  
in nomine Domini.  
Osanna in excelsis.

*Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,  
for the goodness and love  
you have made known to us in creation;  
in calling Israel to be your people;  
in your Word spoken through the prophets;  
and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.  
For in these last days you sent him  
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.  
In him, you have delivered us from evil,  
and made us worthy to stand before you.  
In him, you have brought us  
out of error into truth,  
out of sin into righteousness,  
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
a death he freely accepted,  
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."



Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All:**

We re-mem-ber his death, we pro-claim his res-ur-rec-tion,  
we a-wait his com-ing in glo-ry.

and we offer our sacrifice  
of praise and thanksgiving  
to you, Lord of all;  
presenting to you, from your creation,  
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,  
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,  
that they may be the sacrament  
of the body of Christ  
and his blood of the new covenant.  
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,  
that we, made acceptable in him,  
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,  
reconcile all things in Christ,  
and make them new,  
and bring us to that city of light  
where you dwell with all your children  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation,  
the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are 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

Creator of all,  
you gave us golden fields of wheat,  
whose many grains we have gathered  
and made into this one bread.

**All: So may your Church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth  
into your kingdom.**

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

*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

Deep river, my home is over Jordan,  
Deep river, Lord, I want to cross over into campground.  
Oh, don't you want to go to that gospel feast? That promised land, where all is peace.  
Deep river....

African-American Spiritual, arr. B. Trant.

*Following the Communion there will be a pause for Silence.*

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## THE COMMISSIONING OF THE COMMUNITY

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, almighty God,  
**All: 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. Amen.**

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006).

### THE BLESSING

### DISMISSAL

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

### RECESSIONAL HYMN (CP 565)

CWM RHONDDA

### VOLUNTARY

*You are invited to be seated for the Voluntary or to leave at this point.*  
*Coffee, tea and Potluck Brunch will be served in the Parish Hall.*

## NOTES ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

It is unusual to have a section of the prophets as the Psalm in the lectionary. The music for **Isaiah 12** is directly extracted from the text of the Hebrew Bible using the accents found in that text as interpreted by the French composer Suzanne Haïk-Vantoura in the last century. These signs, a record of a musical tradition lost for millennia, turn the whole of the Old Testament into a song. The arrangement today is by Bob MacDonald, translator and long-time student of the textual traditions and its music.

The **Gradual Hymn** today is set to a tune called Ora Labora, written for this text by T. Tertus Noble in 1916. Noble was an English-born organist and composer, most famously known for his final appointment at St. Thomas Fifth Avenue in New York City. This tune is very well-loved by our American counterparts in the Episcopal Church.

## READINGS FOR NOVEMBER 24<sup>TH</sup> – THE REIGN OF CHRIST

**Jeremiah 23:1-6** The prophet foretells a shepherd-king who will reign wisely and help the people remember their relationship to God.

**Luke 1:68-79** This song of praise, known as the Benedictus, speaks of both the Saviour and the one pointing to him.

**Colossians 1:11-20** An extraordinary ancient hymn praises Christ as creator and reconciler of the cosmos.

**Luke 23:33-43** Christ reigns as compassionate and merciful Saviour offering forgiveness and blessing.

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## FLOWERS

Given to the glory to God and in loving memory of Rex, husband, father and grandfather, gone but never forgotten, from Louise Langman and family.

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

### Today

11:30 am	Potluck Brunch	Hall
2:00 pm	Pflag	Denson Lounge
6:00 pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Liturgy for All Ages	Church

### Monday 18

1:00 pm	All Weather Eucharist – all welcome	Memorial Garden
2:00 pm	Book Study	Chapel
4:00 pm	Living Presence Meditation	Chapel

### Tuesday 19

10:00 am	Food Bank	Church Basement
7:00 pm	Alliance Club Cooking for youth in need	Hall Kitchen
7:00 pm	Parish Council Meeting	Denson Lounge

### Wednesday 20

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

### Thursday 21

12:10 pm	Meditative Eucharist	Chapel
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### Friday 22

6:30 pm	kidspace	Church and Parish House
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### Sunday 24 – The Reign of Christ

8:00 am	Holy Communion	Chapel
10:00 am	Parish Eucharist	Church
11:30 am	Ministry Fair	Hall



## EVENTS

### **In The Midst of Life...**

*we are in death*

A series about finding meaning towards the end of life. Wednesdays in November, all starting at **7pm** in the Denson Lounge

### **November 20<sup>th</sup> – Reel Thought Movie Night**

This **Wednesday** evening, **November 20<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:00 p.m. Reel Thought will present our regular screening for November in the Denson Lounge of St. John the Divine Anglican Church:

***Unfinished Song*** (UK, Germany; 2012; 90 mins.) <https://www.imdb.com/title/tt1047011/>

"*Unfinished Song*, a London-set comedic drama, is about shy, grumpy pensioner Arthur, who is reluctantly inspired by his beloved wife Marion to join a highly unconventional local choir. At odds with his son James, it is left to charismatic choir director Elizabeth to try and persuade Arthur that he can learn to embrace life. Arthur must confront the undercurrents of his own grumbling persona as he embarks on a hilarious, life-affirming journey of musical self discovery." - Anonymous (*IMDb*)

This movie stars Vanessa Redgrave and Terence Stamp as the central couple, and is meant to complement the church's current "In the Midst of Life ..." series. Once again our movie illustrates the extraordinary power of music and, in particular, the power of making music.

From this month through Lent next year we revert to our usual third Wednesday of each month, including in December, which was previously announced as being on the second Wednesday.

### **November 27<sup>th</sup> – Dead Serious**

Led by Alastair McCollum

Practicalities and priorities – we will have a speaker talk on Legalities around issues for seniors, along with advice from Clergy on planning for Funeral/Thanksgiving/Memorial services

For further details please get in touch with Alastair – [incumbent@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca](mailto:incumbent@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca)

First Met United Church, KAIROS Victoria & Aboriginal Neighbours  
invite you to take part in a  
**KAIROS Blanket Exercise**  
today, 1:30-3:30 pm  
First Met United Church, 932 Balmoral Road  
\$5-\$15 sliding participant fee  
register through First Met website - <https://www.firstmetvictoria.com/>  
Come at noon and enjoy a bowl of soup for a small charge.

**Ministry Fair** - St. John's wishes to honour and celebrate the ministries within its walls that build us up as a community and help extend our reach out into the world. In doing so, we also hope to increase understanding and perhaps involvement in all the different facets of our life together. To that end, next Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, there will be a ministry showcase in the hall during coffee hour following the 10 am service. It's an opportunity for us as a community to hear first-hand of the rewards and challenges of serving our local and global communities.



**Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 7:30pm**  
**at St. John the Divine**

**"Glory in the Highest"**  
**with the St. John's Chamber Singers**  
**directed by David Stratkauskas**

**Bach: Cantata BWV 147 (with "Jesu, joy of Man's desiring")**  
**Lotti: Missa Sapientiae**

**Soloists:** Kyla Fradette & Anne van der Sloot, soprano; Alana Hayes, mezzo;  
Isaiah Bell, tenor; Kyron Basu, baritone

**Tickets:** \$30 / \$25 senior/ \$5 student & child, available at McPherson box office, Munro's Books, Ivy's Bookshop, at the door and at the coffee hour.

**Contact & info:** 250 590 9770, [victoria-baroque@shaw.ca](mailto:victoria-baroque@shaw.ca), [victoria-baroque.com](http://victoria-baroque.com)

St. Mary the Virgin Anglican Church (Oak Bay)

### **Giant Christmas Book Sale**

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

This huge Sale – the biggest yet of Churchmouse Books' seasonal sales -- will offer all the bookshop's thousands of volumes including nearly two thousand which have been newly-donated during October and November. Quality is the keynote. Churchmouse has lately been receiving estate and library items of superlative quality and will be offering hundreds of carefully selected flawless, "like-new" volumes eminently suitable as Christmas gifts for your families and friends.

As always, the Christmas Sale will include refreshments, music, and crafts by local artisans.

Admission is free.



**"Sabbath Economics: Money like the Bible mattered"**

Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> - 9:30 am to 1:00 pm

Led by Matthew Cook

Based on the work of Ched Meyers, we'll spend some time examining what the Bible stories tell us about how we (the Church) handle money, and what sort of economic vision is given to us as we review these stories.

Potluck lunch at the end, please email Matthew about your contributions. Please sign up on the sheet prepared at the garden door. Seating is limited.

St. John's Social Justice and Action Group

presents

**Climate Crisis- The Call to Action NOW**

a presentation by an ecological educator and advocate with extensive knowledge of the problem and organizing to address it, followed by discussion

**Thursday, December 5, 7:00 to 8:30 pm**

"Environmental Violence: Trying to Understand, Confront, and Reduce our Damages"

a talk by Dr. Rick Kool, Professor of Environment and Sustainability, Royal Roads University

Denson Lounge. Tea, coffee and cookies will be served.

A **memorial service** will be held for Brenda Morton on Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm.



**"THE CHRISTMAS FLOWER"** - Poinsettias are now available to make our church look even more beautiful at Christmas. Please consider making a dedication. Cost: \$10 per plant, available until Fri., Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. Contact Carol-Ann in the church office ([admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca](mailto:admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca) or 250-383-7169 ext. 226) to order a poinsettia and give a dedication. Thank you.

# CHRISTMAS



Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> after the 10:00 am service.  
Please contribute Christmas “delights” for this fund raising event.  
Contact Heather Baker if you have any questions.

## Announcements

### **AWE – All Weather Eucharist**

Every Monday 1pm in the Memorial Garden!  
A very simple Eucharist (20 minutes) to pray and be present beyond our walls!  
Come and join us, and dress for the weather!

**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.

**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](mailto:admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca).

**2020 Church Calendars** are available in the front office - \$5 each.

### **Some thoughts about our Worship Pattern**

In consultation and conversation we are wondering about changing a little of the shape of our midweek worshipping pattern and adding 'more texture' to what is on offer. As such, I would like to propose that we consider the following pattern and would be grateful for any feedback you all would like to give (send to [incumbent@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca](mailto:incumbent@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca)) – depending on the feedback, this new pattern would start a three month experimental run beginning on 2<sup>nd</sup> December – the first week of Advent, the New Church Year, seemed a good time to start some new things!

- Our new Monday Eucharist would continue, outside, rain or shine at 1pm (it lasts about 20 minutes and is very simple).
- Our Meditative Eucharist would move from Thursdays at 12.10pm to Tuesdays at 12:10pm
- Our Wednesday Eucharist followed by Breakfast would remain at 7:45am
- We would begin a new Thursday Evening Simple Eucharist at 5:30pm followed by soup and a simple snack. It's a chance to come to share Eucharist after work or the day's activities are (nearly) done.

I'd also be interested in gathering regularly for Morning, Midday or Evening Prayers during the week, a simple service based on the Office of the Anglican Church – probably 15-30 minutes altogether. If there is any interest in that, please let me know on the above email address, or call, or drop a note to the office, and say what times and what days would be good for you.

Thank you, Alastair

### **The Special Blue Envelope for November is Aboriginal Neighbours**

Aboriginal Neighbours is an ecumenical organization initiated by the Anglican Diocese of British Columbia. The organization was formed out of its members' concerns for the First Peoples and the future of aboriginal children. Revitalization of Indigenous Languages: a Gift to Future Generations (RIL) was started by the Aboriginal Neighbours Group in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Report, Call to Action # 61, that calls upon church parties to the Settlement Agreement to establish permanent funding for culture and language revitalization projects. Undertaken in conjunction with the First People's Cultural Council, the RIL project supports elders who are fluent speakers of their language to work with apprentices, as mentors, and to pass along the language that was taken from so many in the residential schools.

### **Socks for Out of the Rain**

Thank you for your response to our sock drive for the young people who sleep in our crypt. It was wonderful to see our baskets overflowing with socks. And it is wonderful to know that when these young people come in to sleep that there is a basket of dry clean socks for them to put on their feet. Thank you for your generosity; it is appreciated.

*Gerry and Karyn*

**Parking:** Following the demolition of the cottage, Parish Council decided to recoup some of the cost of the demolition by renting more parking spots. There are now 12 rented spots in the main parking lot adjacent to the Girl Guides property which are clearly marked with signs on the concrete parking curbs. Those parking spots are rented Monday to Friday from 7:30am to 5:30pm. They are available for use by parishioners and visitors at all other times. Those parking spots bring us income of over \$1,000 per month.

### **PWRDF MOMENT!**

The **PWRDF Christmas Cards** have arrived. Pat and Murray will be selling these at coffee hour - until mid-December. A \$25 donation buys you 12 cards. There are two lovely designs to choose from. All proceeds go towards supporting PWRDF's excellent community development programs in the developing world and Canada!

Have you considered paying your church contributions by automatic debit or by credit card? Many people already do so and find it a convenient way to take care of their regular commitments to the church month by month. You can renew your commitment by simply completing the appropriate section of the 2020 Pledge card.

#### **New Automatic Debits**

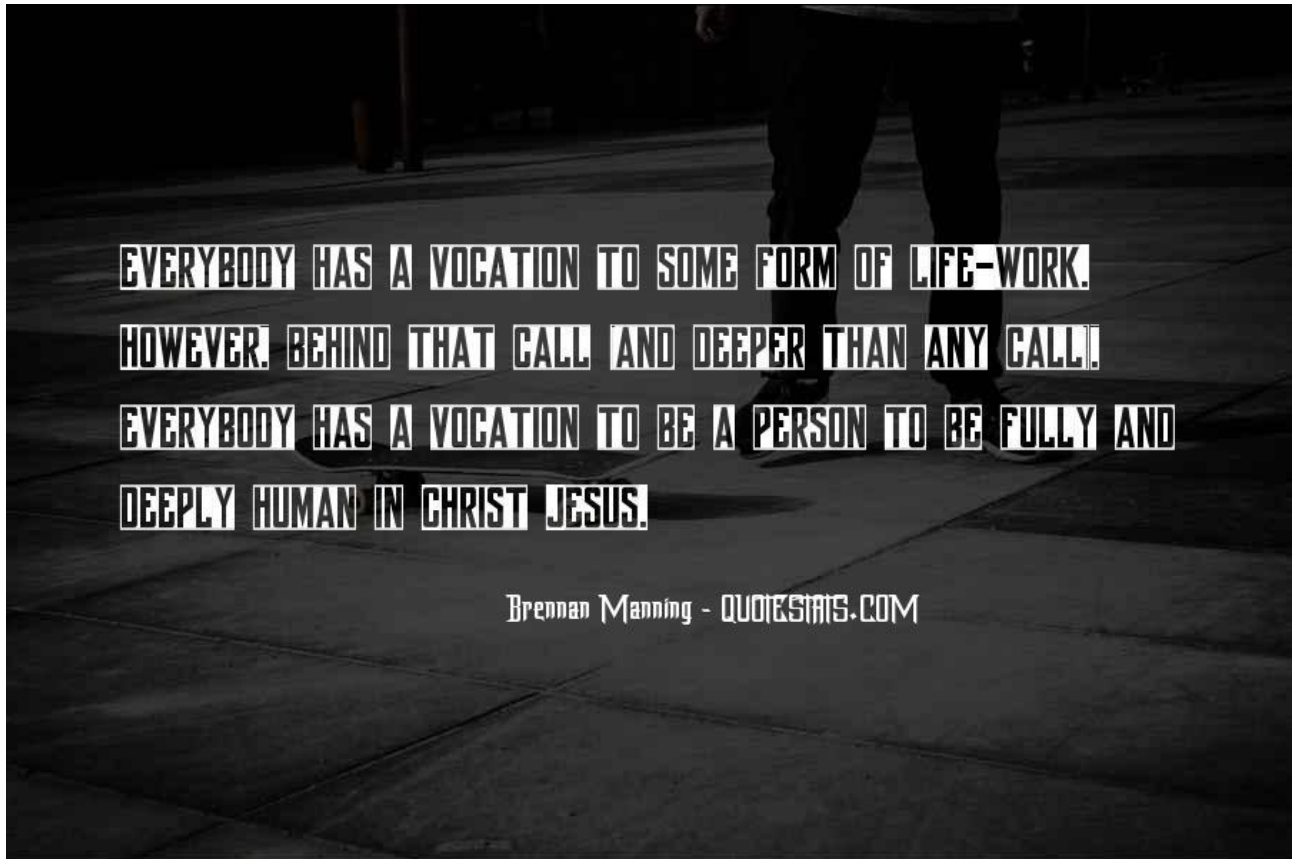
If you wish to START using Automatic Debit you can do so by completing a Pledge Card or by using the Automatic Debit pamphlet found at the back of the church and at the garden door. Just fill in the Pledge Card or the Automatic Debit pamphlet authorization and attach a 'VOID' cheque from your bank account to confirm your bank and account identification numbers. Place both in an envelope, mark it "For Automatic Debit," and place it in the offering plate or give it to the Church Office. Your account will be debited either monthly or twice monthly, as you choose, to coincide with the bank debit dates, which are the 15th and the last day of the month.

#### **New Credit Card Debits**

If you wish to START using VISA or MASTERCARD you can do so by completing a Pledge Card. Just fill in the Pledge Card and ensure that your card numbers and expiry date are shown on it, which should then be put into an envelope, marked "For Credit Card Debit," and placed in the offering plate or given in to the Church Office. Your account will be debited at the mid-month.

# SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey.



## The Real Work

It may be that when we no longer know what to do  
we have come to our real work,  
and that when we no longer know which way to go  
we have come to our real journey.

The mind that is not baffled is not employed.  
The impeded stream is the one that sings.

*-Wendell Berry*

"If you ask me what I came to do in this world, I, an artist, will answer you: I am here to live out loud."

*-Émile Zola*

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