

THE CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

The 13th Sunday after Pentecost

August 19, 2018

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 territories of the Lekwungen people.



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

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

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

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

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

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Deacon: The Reverend Patrick Sibley

Sermon: The Venerable Alastair McCollum

Readers: Kevin Farris, Lorraine Gates

Intercessor: Kit Pearson

Verger: Chuck Neilson

Audio: Walter Hundleby

Music: Joash Fang, Organist

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (CP 325)

ANGEL-VOICES

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship 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.**

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE AND FORGIVENESS

Loving God, Maker of all

All: have mercy on us.

Jesus Christ, Servant of the poor

All: have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, Breath of life

All: have mercy on us.

Let us in silence admit our frailty and confess our failings.

(Silence)

Before God, with the people of God, I confess to my brokenness:
to the ways I wound my life, the lives of others and the life of the world.

All: May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

Amen.

All: Before God, with the people of God, we confess to our brokenness: To the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others and the life of the world.

May God forgive you, Christ renew you, and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.

All: Amen.

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GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

JOHN MERBECKE (c.1510–c.1585), adapted

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.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Presider invites all to pray. Silence is kept.

Divine love,
undaunted by death and fear,
who went to the depths to bring back life:
in the power of the cross
shape a people for service,
who break bread for a hungry world;
through Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

Prayers for an Inclusive Church (2009) alt.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING

1 Kings 2:10-12, 3:3-14

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

All: Thanks be to God.

PSALM

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The Refrain is said first by the presider, then by all:

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts.

Alleluia. I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the faithful and in the congregation. The works of the Lord are great, sought out by all who delight in them. **Refrain.**

His work is full of majesty and honour and his righteousness endures for ever. He appointed a memorial for his marvellous deeds; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion. **Refrain.**

He gave food to those who feared him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. He showed his people the power of his words in giving them the heritage of the nations.

Refrain.

The works of his hands are truth and justice; all his commandments are sure. They stand fast for ever and ever; they are done in truth and equity. **Refrain.**

He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; holy and awesome is his name. The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have those who live by it; his praise endures for ever. **Refrain.**

THE EPISTLE

Ephesians 5:15-20

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

All: Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN (CP 72)

DIX (CP160)

THE GOSPEL

John 6:51-58

Before the Gospel

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

After the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

Following the Sermon there will be a pause for Silence.

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE IONA CREED

**All: We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn;
in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands,
conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire.**

**We believe in a with-us God
who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.**

**We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place:
into action, into vulnerability and into the streets.**

**We commit ourselves to work for change
and put ourselves on the line;
to bear responsibility, take risks,
live powerfully and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge;
to choose life and be used by the Spirit
for God's new community of hope. Amen.**

The Iona Worship Book

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE PEACE

Please stand.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

All may offer their neighbour a sign of peace.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY HYMN (CP 70)

MARYTON

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Holy God, gracious and merciful,
All: you bring forth food from the earth
and nourish your whole creation.
Turn our hearts toward those
who hunger in any way,
so that all may know your care;
and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life,
Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.
Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

Eucharistic Prayer

Supplementary Prayer 1

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *People* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy God, Lover of creation,
we give you thanks and praise
for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us
and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.
When we turn from your love and defile the earth,
you do not abandon us.

Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah,
 through prophets, sages, and saints in every age,
 to confront our sin
 and reveal the vision of your new creation.
 Joining in the song of the universe
 we proclaim your glory saying (singing):

SANCTUS (CP 735)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might._____

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might._____

Heav-en and earth are full,_____ full_____ of your glo - ry. Ho-
 Bless-ed is he who comes_____ in the name of the Lord._____ Ho-

san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
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Gracious God,
 in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ
 to share our fragile humanity.
 Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection
 you open the path from brokenness to health,
 from fear to trust, from pride and conceit
 to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world
 that could not bear the Gospel of life,
 Jesus knew death was near.

His head anointed for burial
 by an unknown woman,
 Jesus gathered together those who loved him.
 He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it
 and gave it to his friends,
 saying, "Take and eat:
 this is my body which is given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
gave you thanks,
and said "Drink this all of you,
this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."
And now we gather at this table
in response to his commandment,
to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love,
and to proclaim our faith.

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Breathe your Holy Spirit,
the wisdom of the universe,
upon these gifts that we bring to you:
this bread, this cup,
ourselves, our souls and bodies,
that we may be signs of your love for all the world
and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, Creator of all,
and we bless your holy name for ever.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Ambrosian Chant

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

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread,
to share in the body of Christ.

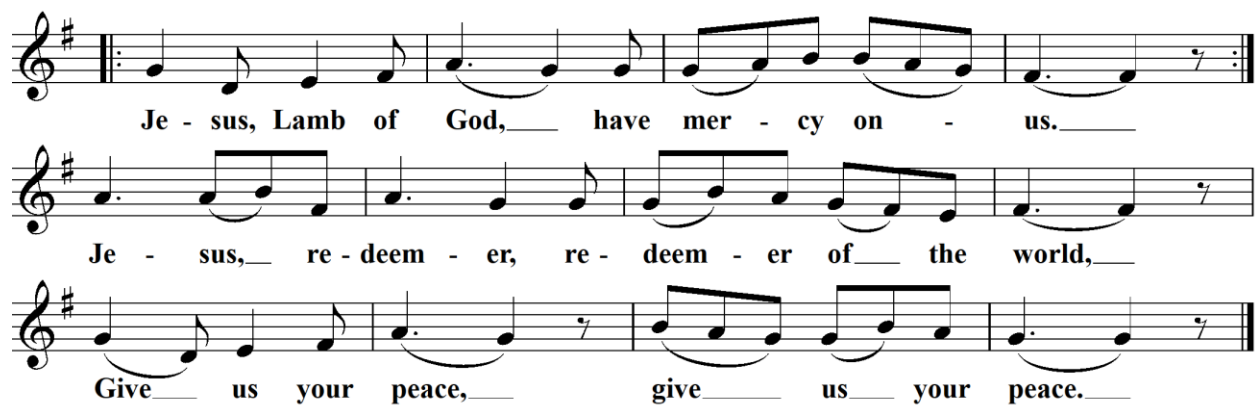
**All: We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

THE COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI (CP 747)



All are invited to receive communion at the side chapel, at the altar rail, or at the back of the church. 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 to a communion station 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,
**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 towards 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 387)

SINE NOMINE

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 AUGUST 26TH – THE 14TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10-11, 22-30, 41-43 Solomon speaks at the dedication of the new Temple.

Psalms 84 Praised be the Temple and God's presence there.

Ephesians 6:10-20 The "weapons of warfare" depicted here bring justice and peace.

John 6:56-69 Jesus speaks of intimacy and oneness with God for those who would follow him.

FLOWERS ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD

Main

"To the Glory of God and with love and gratitude for our family, from Lorraine and Andrew Gates"

Chapel

"In memory of my sister, Carolyn Chan, from Adrienne"

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

Today

11:45 pm Sunday Reflections

Tuesday, August 21

10:00 am Food Bank

Crypt

Wednesday, August 22

7:45 am Holy Communion followed by Breakfast

Chapel/Denson Lounge

9:30 am Sermon Circle

Denson Lounge

Thursday, August 23

12:10 pm Meditative Eucharist

Chapel

Sunday, August 26

8:00 am Holy Communion

Chapel

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

Church

12:00 pm Strategic Planning Meeting

Church

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR OF MUSIC

This week we welcome back Joash Fang as organist whilst I am on holiday; Joash played for us earlier this summer, as well as last year. Do say hello and make him feel welcome!

Many of you may notice another slight change this week - we are taking a short break from having a cantor sing the Psalm and the Alleluia, meaning the service is a bit more musically spare, much as it was in previous summers. Do let me know how you have found this new summer practice of having a chanted Psalm and Alleluia; full choral resources will return in the Autumn when we will welcome back our two choirs, choral scholars, and organ scholar.

Sunday Reflections - On weeks without other events we offer the opportunity to ask 'what just happened?' at our Sunday service - an open forum to discuss the sermon, liturgy, music, and indeed anything that might have cropped up during our worship services, or about Anglican practice and tradition generally. This takes place at **11:45am, following the 10am service** and usually lasts for 45 minutes or so. All are welcome; come, and bring your questions!

Diviners' Walk – Friday, August 24th – meeting time is 5:30 pm (we wait 10 minutes only for latecomers): **Elk Lake** – Meet at parking lot north end of Elk Lake. Pub: Waddling Dog Inn.

Please contact Larry Scyner if you plan to come for dinner but not the walk.

Flower Dedications - Because of our declining numbers and the fact that we are all getting older, the Chancel Guild in discussions with Alastair **will not be preparing an arrangement for the Chapel after September 23, 2018**. We will continue to prepare an arrangement for the Main Altar each Sunday except during Lent, and we will have the usual four dedications of two Mains, one Lectern and one Chapel on festive Sundays i.e. Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas. As well we will continue to order poinsettias and lilies for dedication at Christmas and Easter. Thank you, Susan Powell.

Announcements

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

Prayer is the bedrock of our relationship with God through Christ. Individual requests for intercessory prayer (read at Sunday and weekday services) may be made by filling out a **Prayer Request Card** available at the back of the church (on the west wall) or by emailing the same information requested on the card to: carolann.zenger@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca.

Request from the Divine Pie Makers. The pie makers have had two successful sessions and are keen to make pies. We need fruit for fillings. If you have an excess of fruit or berries, we would love to turn them into pies. Divine pies! Please contact Joan Huzar.

Thank you, our St. John's family, for making last Sunday's celebration such a happy and memorable occasion.

Pat and Alan Ormerod

DO YOU WISH TO SING OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO DOES? Both the Choristers and the Community Choir have space for more singers! There are details regarding rehearsal times, schedules, and expectations on the website (find the Music page under 'Ministries'). If you are interested, or have someone to recommend, send me an email (music@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca) or see me after the service (I'm back on September 2nd) for more information or to set up an informal audition.

David Stratkauskas

The Special Blue Envelope for August is for Refugees. This envelope is designated for the refugee families supported by the Church of St. John the Divine. The parish is supporting 9 Eritreans who arrived on July 15th and 3 Syrians - a single mom and her two teens - who have flights arriving on August 23rd. A third application for 4 Kurds has been submitted to the federal government and is being considered. If you have questions or need more information - or would like to get more actively involved- please talk to Chris Eve.

In an effort to keep the church looking tidy, the pillows that are used at various times in our worship are now kept in a bin behind the font. Everyone is welcome to continue to use them, but we would appreciate it if they were returned neatly to the bin at the end of each service.



Victoria Baroque 2018-19 Season Subscriptions available now!

Pick up your season brochure at the entrances or office at St. John's.
Filled subscription forms can be dropped off at St. John's office.

The Season of five beautiful concerts here at St John's
starts Friday, September 14th, with Bach's dazzling Double Violin Concerto.

More info: victoria-baroque.com; victoria-baroque@shaw.ca; 250 590 9770



Pastoral Care at St. John the Divine

Our pastoral care team is made up of trained clergy and lay members of the congregation, and we are here to visit you at home, in a care residence, or at the hospital. We can pray together, have a conversation, read from the scriptures, tell you what is happening at the church, or just sit in silence, depending on what works best for you. We may also bring Holy Communion, if you so wish. We can also connect you with some of the other ministries of care at St John's. For example, with your permission, we can add your name to the Sunday prayer list or the confidential Pastoral Prayer Ministry, or arrange for you to receive the gift of a prayer shawl.

Pastoral care visits can be arranged by calling the church office at **250-383-7169** or by emailing **pastoral@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca**. Please include some contact information in your message and a member of the pastoral care team will get back to you as quickly as possible in order to arrange a visit.

*For any urgent, after hours pastoral care need, please call the **on-call cell phone at 778-678-6873**.*

Where is St. John's going? What do we care most about?

If you have thoughts about these questions (and even some answers!) you will have a chance to express them over the next several weeks.

Vestry asked for a strategic plan to be ready for 2019. Please pick up a package and use as much of it as you choose to give your thoughts and ideas. You could:

- complete the Checklist of Existing Parish Activities – so we can know what is working now, or
- use the forms based on the Parish Vision Statement – Faith in Action, Faith in Formation, or Faith in Foundation, or
- just write down on a sheet of paper what you think in free form, or
- you could do all of these or just one of them.

Please either drop off your submission to the office, or you could send it by email to strategy@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca

Please be sure to sign the Privacy Statement and Consent Form so your thoughts and ideas can be shared.

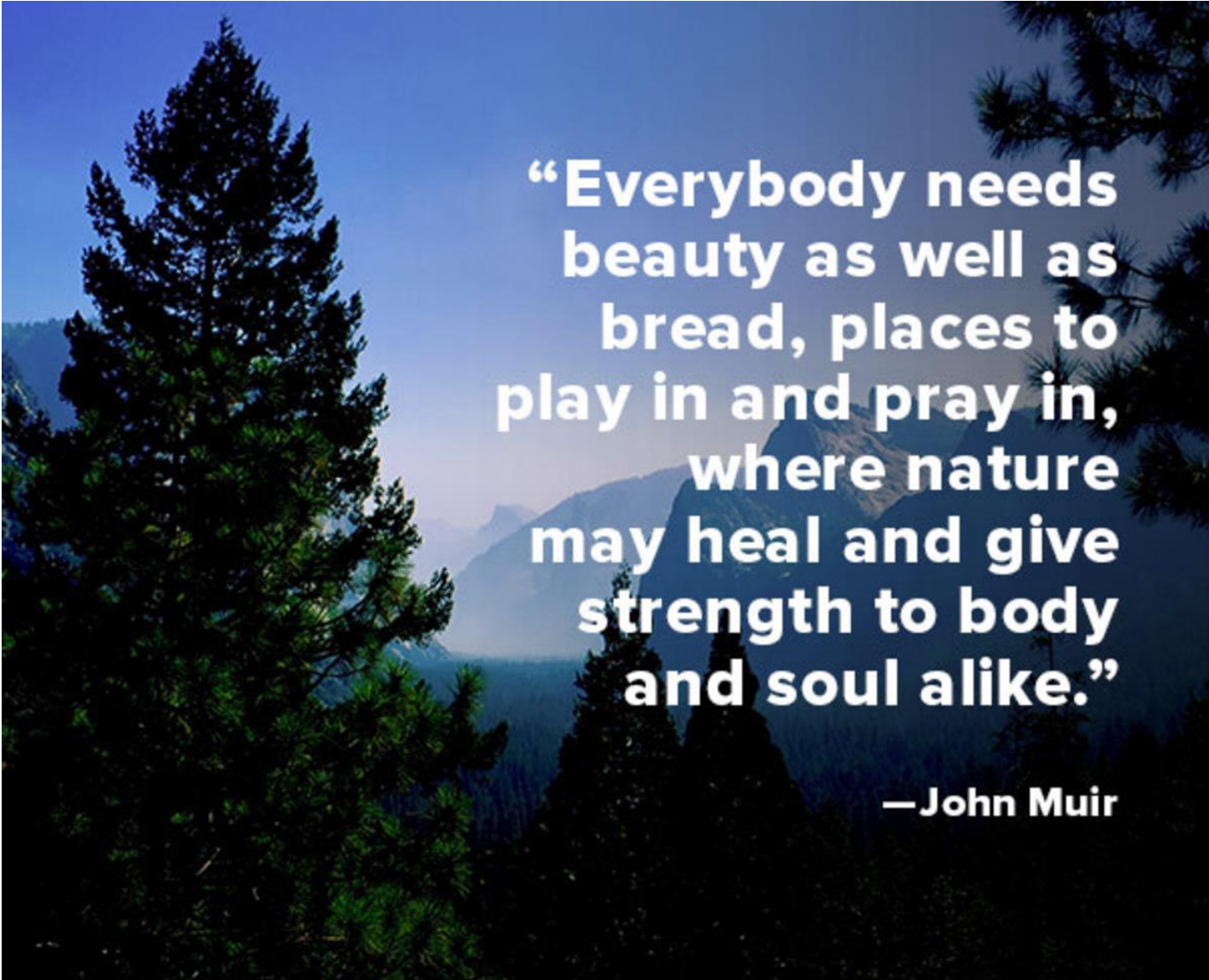
GVAT is launching its "listening process" among groups in the congregation at the same time. This is a facilitated conversation lasting about an hour, intended to find out what members are passionate about, and what they would want to invest time in. So it will also help the group give input to the Strategic Plan by answering "what do we want to be doing in 5 years?"

And if you don't belong to any groups within the parish - your voice is important too. GVAT will be providing opportunities for you to be heard in the coming weeks.

For more information, contact Peggy Wilmot (GVAT) or Chris Eve (Strategic Plan)

SOUL SPACE

Things to nourish our spiritual journey



**“Everybody needs
beauty as well as
bread, places to
play in and pray in,
where nature
may heal and give
strength to body
and soul alike.”**

—John Muir

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE

STEWARDS

People's Warden: Graeme Brown

Rector's Warden: Chris Eve

Assistant Warden: Joan Huzar

Envelope Secretary: Jim Harlick

Treasurer: Kate McCabe

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