

The Church of St. John the Divine

The National Indigenous Day of Prayer

June 20, 2021

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.



Photo taken by Karen Coverett at St. John the Divine, Victoria

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.

Worship in a time of COVID-19 : In these times when we must be careful in any gathering we have, appropriate protocols are in place. For the time being due to the instructions from the Provincial Health Officer we will be meeting virtually on Zoom and the services are also Live-streamed. Please check our website on how to attend: stjohnthedivine.bc.ca/ or contact admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca

We will continue to livestream the weekly service of Evensong.

We continue to share daily prayer online with a link on our website daily.

Contacting Us: We are all learning ways to build community "at a distance." We are checking phone messages and answering emails. The main email for contact is: admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca. If you wish to receive prayer for yourself or for another, there will be members of our Healing Prayer group who will offer their prayers. Please contact: the church office at the above email address.

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.

10:00 am Parish Eucharist

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

Presider: The Venerable Alastair McCollum

Intercessor: Sarah Kell

Reader: Joel Durkovic

Streaming Technician: Karen Coverett

Gospel: Joan Huzar

Music: Consort of Choristers of St. John the Divine

Sermon: The Venerable Alastair McCollum

Setting: Short Service – Adrian Batten (1591-1637)

The Gathering of the Community

Prelude

The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Psalm 19:1

Welcome to all who are gathering online.

The Church Family Prayer

Loving God,

All: you have called us to be your family and to celebrate our life together in worship. We pray now, for all members of our family as we gather in our church buildings, our homes, and online. Through your spirit keep us united in love. Bless each of us with your beloved friendship. Teach us, gracious God, how to be your church in these times. Help us to know that we are your people, that we are your Family, always. Amen.

Opening Hymn (CP 429)

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- 1. For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.**
- 2. For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.**

3. For the joy of ear and eye,
 for the heart and mind's delight,
 for the mystic harmony
 linking sense to sound and sight,
 Christ our God, to thee we raise
 this our sacrifice of praise.
4. For the joy of human love,
 brother, sister, parent, child,
 friends on earth and friends above,
 for all gentle thoughts and mild,
 Christ our God to thee we raise
 this our sacrifice of praise.
5. For each perfect gift of thine,
 to the world so freely given,
 graces human and divine,
 flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
 Christ our God, to thee we raise
 this our sacrifice of praise.

Text: Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917), alt.

Gathering

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.

God of Wonder and Creation; We see your world and thank you for the diversity
 all around us. Help us, God, to see differences and diversity as gifts and strengths.



God of lament; Reveal to your children your ways of reconciliation and right
 relationship with all living things. Help us, dear God, to understand how
 Indigenous peoples of these lands continue to be harmed by systemic racism,
 colonization, and generational trauma caused by residential schools.



God of humility; Grant us hearts to repent when we as settlers deny Indigenous peoples dignity and respect. Help us to listen compassionately, act justly, and speak humbly. Equip us with the passion to seek justice, reconciliation, and the peace that you desire for all your children.



The Collect of the Day

Silence is kept.

Creator God,
from you every family in heaven and earth takes its name.
You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love,
and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love,
and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness.
Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership,
may be strengthened and guided to help one another
to grow into the full stature of Christ,
who is our light and our life.

All: Amen.

The Book of Alternative Services

The Proclamation of the Word

Let us listen for the Word of God in Holy Scripture.

The First Reading

Isaiah 40:25-31

To whom then will you compare me,
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

Lift up your eyes on high and see:

Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,
calling them all by name;
because he is great in strength,
mighty in power,
not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob,
and speak, O Israel,

‘My way is hidden from the Lord,
and my right is disregarded by my God’?

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.
Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;
but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

19

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the firmament shows his
handiwork.
One day tells its tale to another, and one night imparts knowledge to another.
Although they have no words or language, and their voices are not heard,
Their sound has gone out into all lands, and their message to the ends of
the world.
In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; it comes forth like a bridegroom
out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the
end of it again; nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; the testimony of the Lord
is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; the commandment of
the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; the judgements of the
Lord are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, sweeter far
than honey, than honey in the comb.
By them also is your servant enlightened, and in keeping them there is
great reward.

Who can tell how often he offends? Cleanse me from my secret faults.

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offence.

Let the words of my mouth and meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

The Gospel
Before the Gospel

John 1:1-18

Cantor: Alleluia. The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork. Alleluia.

God is with you.

All: And also with you.

Hear the Good news of Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Christ.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Following the address there will be a pause for silence.

Affirmation of Faith

Hear, O Israel

Let us declare the faith of Christ as we say,

**All: Hear, O Israel;
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

**This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.**

There is no commandment greater than these.

Prayers of the People

Those who have asked for our prayers are listed at the end of the leaflet.

A Litany for the Healing and Restoration of our Church

From the Anglican Diocese of Rupert's Land, 2017

Holy Creator, in whom all things in heaven and earth have their being,
All: Have mercy on us.

Risen Christ, through whom the whole creation is reconciled to God,
All: Have mercy on us.

Life-giving Spirit, whose love and truth fills the world and searches the depths
of our lives,
All: Have mercy on us.

Blessed Trinity, source of both unity and diversity,
All: Have mercy on us.

From our failure to recognize and respect the revelation of your truth and love
in the First Peoples of this land,
All: Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our participation in the systematic oppression of indigenous sovereignty,
language, cult and spirituality,
All: Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our role in the Indian Residential Schools designed to eliminate the unique society, wisdom, and beauty of the indigenous peoples of this land,

All: Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our complicit tolerance of the decimation of Indigenous family structures leaving children vulnerable to abuses of every kind,

All: Saviour, forgive and heal us.

From our continued acceptance of unjust legal, educational, health and social structures that continue to oppress and destroy the lives of many indigenous people,

All: Saviour, forgive and heal us.

O God, we pray for the gifts of your grace and your love which never gives up on us and is forever faithful. Inspire our minds with a vision of the reconciliation of your kingdom in this time and place.

All: Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our eyes, that we may see the sacredness in all creation.

All: Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our ears, that we may hear from every mouth of every peoples the hunger for hope and stories of refreshment.

All: Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our lips, that we may speak of the beauty of every tongue and dialect proclaiming the wonderful works of God.

All: Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our hearts, that we may discern your mission in which you call us to be immersed, particularly in partnership with the First Peoples of this land.

All: Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our minds that we may witness to your Good News in our neighbourhoods, communities, and all parts of the world.

All: Hear us, O Christ.

Touch our hands, that we may forever shun violence and embrace the work you give us to do.

All: Hear us, O Christ.

Draw your Church together, O Lord, into one great company of disciples, together following our Lord Jesus Christ into every walk of life, together serving you in your mission in the world, and together witnessing to your love on every continent and island of your creation. We ask this in the name of the Risen Christ in whom we are one.

All: Amen.

The Peace

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 Motet

Lord for thy tender mercy's sake, Richard Farrant (c.1525-1580)

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,
lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives;
to decline from sin and incline to virtue,
that we may walk in a perfect heart
before thee now and evermore.

The Prayer over the Gifts

In the name of all of us gathered, near and far, we present these our gifts to God.

Let us pray:

Creator,
you bless us with many good gifts
returned to you from your creation.
Feed us with the Bread of Life,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Book of Alternative Services

As we prepare to celebrate this Eucharist, we remember that we are the people of God. Near or far we are gathered together by the love of Christ. We remember that we are incorporated into the body of Christ. We join together in this celebration of our union in Christ.

Thanks be to you,

All: Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given us, and all that you have borne for us. In our sharing in this Eucharist, in Church or at home, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts. O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Liturgy of the Islands and Inlets – Prayer C

God is here.

All: The Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts and minds.

All: We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God the Creator.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right that we should praise you,
God of love, our source and our fulfilment,
for you create all things and in you we live and move and have our being.
Your wonder is manifest in land and sea and sky.

You made us in your image.

And even though we turn from you,
again and again you call us to yourself,
and in every age, promise liberation.

As a mother gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own,
to nurture them in the way of compassionate love.

You sent Jesus among us,

incarnate of the Holy Spirit and born of Mary.

Jesus revealed your love for all Creation,
and showed us the way of reconciliation.

Having lived among us - Jesus suffered the cross,
Died,

And in rising again became the firstborn of the renewed family.

And so as we gather around your table,

With saints of every age and your beloved creation we raise our voices and sing:

Sanctus

*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.*

To you be glory, almighty God,
because on the night before he died,
Jesus took bread,
when he had given thanks,
he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body
which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;
 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,
 Poured out for you and for many; do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Recalling Christ's death and resurrection,
 we ask you to accept this, our sacrifice of praise.
 Pour out your Holy Spirit on us,
 and on these gifts of bread and wine
 that we may be spiritually fed with the body and blood of your Son.
 When all of creation groans, unite us in Christ and give us your hope
 that we might be strengthened to do your work, as your body in the world.
 Through Christ our Redeemer, in the power of the Spirit,
 all praise and glory be yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

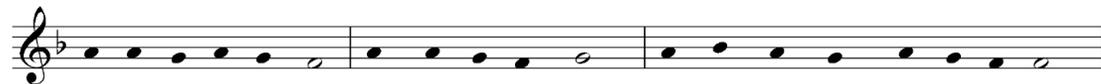


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The Disciple's Prayer

Ambrosian Chant

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



Our Fa-ther in hea-ven, hal-lowed be your name, your king-dom come, your will be done,



on earth as in hea-ven. Give us to-day our dai-ly bread. For-give us our sins



as we for-give those who sin a-gainst us. Save us from the time of tri-al,



and de-liv-er us from e-vil. For the king-dom, the pow'r, and the glo-ry are yours,



now and for ev-er. A-men

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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

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.

Following the Communion there will be a pause for silence.

The Commissioning of the Community

Prayer after Communion

Great Creator,
you have fed us with bread from heaven.
Continue to renew us in your truth,
to give light to our minds,
strength to our bodies,
and seal us with your Holy Spirit.
We ask this in Christ's name.

All: Amen.

The Book of Alternative Services

One body are we.

All: For, though we are in many places, we spiritually share one bread.

Blessing

Dismissal

Let us go in peace to love and serve our living God.

All: Thanks be to God.

1. We cannot measure how you heal
or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds
where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life
and cradle children yet unborn.
2. The pain that will not go away,
the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds,
are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends
the hurt we never hope to find,
the private agonies inside,
the memories that haunt the mind.
3. So some have come who need your help
and some have come to make amends,
as hands which shaped and saved the world
are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here
to mend the body, mind, and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain
and make your broken people whole.

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Please stay and join us for our Zoom Coffee Hour.



Readings for June 27th – The 5th Sunday after Pentecost

2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27

Psalm 130

2 Corinthians 8:7-15

Mark 5:21-43

EVENSONG

Every Sunday – sung by a small ensemble of Choral Scholars

Evensong is a contemplative, musical and prayerful liturgy, ideally suited to the end of the week and the close of day, and to this current time when we have been asked to avoid congregational singing, but still long for the depth and beauty of a choral liturgy.

Evensong will be livestreamed on the church Facebook page and available via the website www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca

The following people have asked for our prayers.

Please keep them in your heart and mind as you go through your week.

Hagos, Tsigay & family

Mark

Patrick

Anthony

Lorraine

Marion

Cathy

Linda

Edna

Heather

Lorena

Daryl

Aidan

Anne

Carolyn

Elsie

David & Pat

Richard

Blanche

John

Bill

Ray and family

Chris and Deb

Angela & Nancy

Cat & Daphne

Martha

Philip & Lisa

Nicholas

Helen

Gary

Deborah

Ted

Asher

Jessie

Ann

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Nancy

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