



March 13<sup>th</sup> 2022

# The Second Sunday in Lent

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**CHORAL EVENSONG**

Church of St. John the Divine

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## St. John's acknowledges these ancestral lands of the Lekwungen speaking people.

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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.

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.

### Worship in a time of COVID-19

In these times of COVID-19, appropriate protocols are in place. We continue to require masks and physical distance for any in-person gatherings and ask all to observe careful hand hygiene.

**The Sunday morning service** takes place in-person, is also live streamed and is accessible on Zoom.

**Sunday Evensong** also takes place in person, and livestreamed on the church website and Facebook pages

There is no need to pre-register to attend either service.

**Daily prayer online** is shared daily with a link on our website either live or via recording.

**Contacting Us:** The church office is now open Monday-Friday, 9am-12 Noon. We are checking phone messages and answering emails. The main email for contact is: [admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca](mailto: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.

### Assisting with tonight's Liturgy

**Officiant:** The Reverend Dr. John Thatamanil

**Reader:** Bob MacDonald

**Safety Officer:** Joel Hefty

**Music:** Choristers of St John the Divine; Emily Markwart, Sutton Organ Scholar;  
David Stratkauskas, Director of Music

**Videographer:** Karen Coverett

### A note about language

*In our worship, we use language which is poetic and filled with metaphor and wonder – realising that any language about God is limited. We use some ancient words which may seem odd, or may seem to refer to God as male, or in terms which elsewhere we might not choose to use. The poetry and the metaphor are there not to restrict or define our understanding of God, but to remind us that our words are never enough to talk about the Divine: instead we use the beauty of the words and music in our worship to help us glimpse just a little of the God beyond all words.*

*Listed music is subject to substitution in the event of changes of personnel or situation.*

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# ORDER OF SERVICE

## Organ prelude

*Please stand at the entrance of the clergy. The officiant gives a short welcome.*

## The Responses

*Cantor:* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*Choir:* And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

*Cantor:* O God, make speed to save us.

*Choir:* O Lord, make haste to help us.

*Cantor:* Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

*Choir:* As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
Praise ye the Lord. (The Lord's name be praised.)

*Please be seated for the singing of the psalm.*

## Psalm

135:1-14

- 1 O praise the Lord, laud ye the Name of the Lord \* praise it, O ye servants of the Lord;
- 2 Ye that stand in the house of the Lord \* in the courts of the house of our God.
- 3 O praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious \* O sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely.
- 4 For why? the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto himself \* and Israel for his own possession.
- 5 For I know that the Lord is great \* and that our Lord is above all gods.
- 6 Whatsoever the Lord pleased, that did he in heaven, and in earth \* and in the sea, and in all deep places.
- 7 He bringeth forth the clouds from the ends of the world \* and sendeth forth lightnings with the rain, bringing the winds out of his treasures.
- 8 He smote the first-born of Egypt \* both of man and beast.
- 9 He hath sent tokens and wonders into the midst of thee, O thou land of Egypt \* upon Pharaoh, and all his servants.
- 10 He smote divers nations \* and slew mighty kings;
- 11 Sehon king of the Amorites, and Og the king of Basan \* and all the kingdoms of Canaan;
- 12 And gave their land to be an heritage \* even an heritage unto Israel his people.
- 13 Thy Name, O Lord, endureth for ever \* so doth thy memorial, O Lord, from one generation to another.
- 14 For the Lord will avenge his people \* and be gracious unto his servants.

*Please stand for the Gloria Patri:*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son \* and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be \* world without end. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

Thus says the LORD: Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word, and say: Hear the word of the LORD, O King of Judah sitting on the throne of David—you, and your servants, and your people who enter these gates. Thus says the LORD: Act with justice and righteousness, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor anyone who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the alien, the orphan, and the widow, nor shed innocent blood in this place. For if you will indeed obey this word, then through the gates of this house shall enter kings who sit on the throne of David, riding in chariots and on horses, they, and their servants, and their people. But if you will not heed these words, I swear by myself, says the LORD, that this house shall become a desolation. For thus says the LORD concerning the house of the king of Judah:

You are like Gilead to me, like the summit of Lebanon;  
but I swear that I will make you a desert, an uninhabited city.  
I will prepare destroyers against you, all with their weapons;  
they shall cut down your choicest cedars and cast them into the fire.

And many nations will pass by this city, and all of them will say one to another, 'Why has the LORD dealt in this way with that great city?' And they will answer, 'Because they abandoned the covenant of the LORD their God, and worshipped other gods and served them.'

Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness, and his upper rooms by injustice;  
who makes his neighbours work for nothing, and does not give them their wages;  
who says, 'I will build myself a spacious house with large upper rooms',  
and who cuts out windows for it, panelling it with cedar, and painting it with vermilion.

Are you a king because you compete in cedar?

Did not your father eat and drink and do justice and righteousness?

Then it was well with him.

He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well.

Is not this to know me? says the LORD.

But your eyes and heart are only on your dishonest gain,

for shedding innocent blood, and for practising oppression and violence.

*Please stand.*

## Magnificat

*Text: Lk. 1:46-55 Music: Alan Ridout (1934-1996)*

MY SOUL doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he that is mighty hath magnified me; and holy is his Name. And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations. He hath showed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and the meek. He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel; As he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## Second Lesson

*Luke 14:27-33*

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, "This fellow began to build and was not able to finish." Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

*Please stand.*

## Nunc Dimittis

*Text: Luke 2:29-32. Music: Ridout*

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, which thou has prepared before the face of all people; To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

GLORY be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

## Apostles' Creed

**All: I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholic Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

## Responses, Lord's Prayer, and Collects

*Cantor:* The Lord be with you;

*Choir:* And with thy spirit.

*Cantor:* Let us pray.

*Please remain standing, kneel, or be seated as is your preference for prayer.*

*Choir:* Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

*Cantor:* O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

*Choir:* And grant us thy salvation.

*Cantor:* O Lord, save the Queen;

*Choir:* And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

*Cantor:* Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

*Choir:* And make thy chosen people joyful.

*Cantor:* O Lord, save thy people;

*Choir:* And bless thine inheritance.

*Cantor:* Give peace in our time, O Lord;

*Choir:* Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.

*Cantor:* O God, make clean our hearts within us;

*Choir:* And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

*1<sup>st</sup> Collect, of the day:*

*T.E.C.*

O GOD, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

*2<sup>nd</sup> Collect, for Peace:*

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

*3<sup>rd</sup> Collect, for Aid Against All Perils:*

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Please be seated.*

## Anthem

*Text: Ps 119:169-76 Music: Thomas Morley (1557-1603)*

Let my complaint come before thee, O Lord : give me understanding, according to thy word. Let my supplication come before thee : deliver me, according to thy word. My lips shall speak of thy praise : when thou hast taught me thy statutes. Yea, my tongue shall sing of thy word : for all thy commandments are righteous. Let thine hand help me : for I have chosen thy commandments. I have longed for thy saving health, O Lord : and in thy law is my delight. O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee : and thy judgements shall help me. I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost : O seek thy servant, for I do not forget thy commandments. Glory be to the father....

*Please remain seated, kneel, or stand as is your preference for prayer.*

## Intercessions

*Please stand to sing the hymn:*

## Hymn (CP 431)

*Text: Charles William Everest (1814-1877). Music: Breslau, Melody Lochamer Liederbuch, 1450?; alt.*

**Take up your cross, the Saviour said,  
if you would my disciple be;  
deny yourself, the world forsake,  
and humbly follow after me.**

**Take up your cross; let now its weight  
fill your weak soul with vain alarm;  
his strength shall bear your spirit up,  
and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.**

**Take up your cross, nor heed the shame,  
and let your foolish pride be still;  
your Lord for you endured to die  
upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.**

**Take up your cross, then, in his strength,  
and calmly every danger brave:  
'twill guide you to a better home  
and lead to victory o'er the grave.**

**Take up your cross and follow Christ,  
nor think till death to lay it down;  
for only those who bear the cross  
may hope to wear the glorious crown.**

*Please be seated.*

## Sermon

Please stand to sing the hymn, overleaf.

## Hymn (CP 585)

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*Music: BEACH SPRING, Melody The Sacred Harp, Mason, 1844.*

**Lord, who love in humble service  
bore the weight of human need,  
who upon the cross, forsaken,  
worked our mercy's perfect deed:  
we, your servants, bring the worship  
not of voice alone, but heart;  
consecrating to your purpose  
every gift which you impart.**

**Still your children wander homeless;  
still the hungry cry for bread;  
still the captives long for freedom;  
still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you, Lord, in deep compassion  
healed the sick and freed the soul,  
by your Spirit send your power  
to our world to make it whole.**

**As we worship, grant us vision  
till your love's revealing light  
in its height and depth and greatness  
dawns upon our quickened sight,  
making known the needs and burdens  
your compassion bids us bear,  
stirring us to ardent service,  
your abundant life to share.**

## The Blessing or Grace

## Organ Voluntary

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