

The Anglican Church of St. John the Divine

The 3rd Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2022

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.



Tissot, James, 1836-1902. Vine Dresser and the Fig Tree, from *Art in the Christian Tradition*, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. <https://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=56111> [retrieved March 17, 2022].
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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.

Worship as we move forward in COVID-19: We are carefully gathering for **worship in-person at 10am (Holy Eucharist) and 5:30pm (BCP Evensong)** – no booking is required, and we continue to remain masked through the services and practice respectful distances and safety protocols. We encourage in-person attendance for all who are vaccinated, and if not-vaccinated, unable to attend in person, or feeling vulnerable or unable to mask we would encourage you to join via Zoom (email admin@stjohnthedivine.bc.ca for link) or through the livestream on the Website: <https://www.stjohnthedivine.bc.ca/>

For those wishing to attend midweek gatherings, proof of vaccination is required, please contact the office for details.

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

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 hymns, responses and prayers marked in bold print.

Presider: The Reverend Stephanie Wood

Greeters: Sherrie Allen, Karyn Lehmann

Crucifer: Penny Holt

Readers: Al Lehmann, Doug Henderson

Gospel: The Reverend Dr. John Thatamanil

Sermon: The Reverend Dr. John Thatamanil

Intercessor: Erin Kelly

Verger: Chuck Neilson

Streaming Technician: Karen Coverett

Music: Gina Johnson and Char Hodgkins,
(MacRae Choral Scholars), cantors
David Stratkauskas, Director of Music

Setting: Stephanie Martin, Missa Brevis

The Gathering of the Community

As we seek to care for one another in pandemic, we remember that masks must be worn over nose and mouth in our services at all times, especially when singing.

Please stand as you are able as the procession moves up the centre aisle.

During the procession we sing: (CP 360)

The musical score consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment line. The first system has the lyrics: "Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's ho - ly name." The second system has the lyrics: "Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me in - to life." The guitar chords are indicated above the vocal lines: Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, F, A for the first system, and Dm, G, Dm, Bb, C, Dm for the second system.

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Land Acknowledgement and Welcome to all who are gathering in the church building and 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.

The family candle will remain lit in the church, for those at home please blow out your candles during the Collect.

Confession and Absolution

Christ the great reconciler calls us to be reconciled to God, one another, and within ourselves.
Let us open ourselves to God's calling to healing and wholeness and acknowledge our brokenness and longing.

Silence is kept.

Kyrie Eleison

During Lent, the Gloria is replaced with the Kyrie Eleison.

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| <i>Kyrie eleison.</i> | Lord, have mercy. |
| <i>Christe eleison.</i> | Christ, have mercy. |
| <i>Kyrie eleison.</i> | Lord, have mercy. |

Absolution

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Silence is kept.

God of infinite goodness,
throughout the ages you have persevered
in claiming and reclaiming your people.
Renew for us your call to repentance,
surround us with witnesses to aid us in our journey,
and grant us the time to fashion our lives anew;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All: Amen.

Revised Common Lectionary Prayers (2002), alt.

The Proclamation of the Word

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

The First Reading

Isaiah 55:1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.
Seek the Lord while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;
let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

63:1-8

O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold your power and your glory.

For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; my lips shall give you praise.

So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your Name.

My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

When I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.

For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

Inclusive Language Psalter: A New Gender-Inclusive Adaptation of the Book of Psalms.

Based on the 1979 Book of Common Prayer Text (Version for Congregational Use).

Edited and adapted by Adam Waddell, Hannah Bowman, the Rev. K.D. Joyce, and the Rev. Bailey Pickens.

The Epistle

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the

destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn (CP 171)

SHARPTHORNE

1. **What does the Lord require
for praise and offering?
What sacrifice, desire,
or tribute bid you bring?
Do justly; love mercy;
walk humbly with your God.**
2. **Rulers of earth, give ear!
Should you not justice know?
Will God your pleading hear,
while crime and cruelty grow?
Do justly; love mercy;
walk humbly with your God.**
3. **All who gain wealth by trade,
for whom the worker toils,
think not to win God's aid,
if greed your commerce soils.
Do justly; love mercy,
walk humbly with your God.**
4. **How shall our life fulfill
God's law so hard and high?
Let Christ endue our will
with grace to fortify.
Then justly, in mercy,
we'll humbly walk with God.**

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The Gospel
Before the Gospel

Luke 13:1-9



Deacon or cantor: Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.



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.

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, ‘Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.’

Then he told this parable: ‘A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, “See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?” He replied, “Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.”’

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Following the sermon there will be a pause for silence.

Affirmation of Faith

We believe and trust in God the Creator.

We believe and trust in Jesus Christ, incarnate Word.

We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.

We believe and trust in the Three in One.

(from Creating Uncommon Worship by Richard Giles, alt.)

Prayers of the People

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

The Peace

The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

All may offer their neighbour a contactless sign of peace.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn (NEP 700)

CORVEDALE



- 1) There's a wide - ness in God's mer - cy Like the wide - ness of the sea;
- 2) For the love of God is broad - er Than the mea - sure of the mind;
- 3) There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion In the blood that has been shed;



There's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice Which is more than li - ber - ty.
And the heart of the E - ter - nal Is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
There is joy for all the mem - bers In the sor - rows of the head.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows Are more felt than up in heaven:
But we make God's love too nar - row By false li - mits of our own;
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands Of new worlds as great as this:

*Return to top for verses 2 and 3
after short interludes.*



There is no place where earth's fail - ings Have such kind - ly judge - ment given.
And we mag - ni - fy God's strict - ness With a zeal God will not own.
There is room for fresh cre - a - tions In that up - per home of bliss.



- 4) If our love were but more sim - ple, We should take God at their word;



And our lives would be all glad - ness, In the joy of Christ our Lord.

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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:

God our provider,
you have not fed us with bread alone,
but with words of grace and life.
Bless us and these your gifts,
which we receive from your bounty,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006)

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

Supplementary Prayer One
Church of England

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.

All: Holy, Holy, Holy

It is always right to give you thanks,
God our Creator,
loving and faithful,
holy and strong.
You made us
and the whole universe,
and filled your world with life.

All: Holy, Holy, Holy

You sent your Son to live among us,
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.
Suffering on the cross;
Dying to save us from sin;
rising in glory from the dead.

All: Holy, Holy, Holy

You sent your Spirit
to bring new life to the world,
and clothe us with power from on high.
And so we join the angels
to celebrate and sing:

Sanctus and Benedictus (*sung by the choir*)

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

Benedictus qui venit
in nomine Domini.
Osanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy
Lord God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

Father, on the night before he died,
Jesus shared a meal with friends.
Taking bread, Jesus thanked you, broke it, and gave it to them, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.
After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine, thanked you, and gave it to them,
saying:
Drink this, all of you.
This is my blood,
the new promise of God's unfailing love.
Do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Creator, as we bring this bread and wine,
and remember Jesus' death and resurrection,
send your Holy Spirit,
that we who share these gifts
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

All: Amen, Amen, Amen.

Pour your Spirit on us
 that we may love one another,
 work for the healing of the earth,
 and share the good news of Jesus,
 as we wait for his coming in glory.

All: Amen, Amen, Amen.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,
 with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:
 one God, for ever and ever.



All: A men A - men A - men.

The Disciple's Prayer

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-against 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.

The deacon will have gluten-free wafers available to those who wish them.

After receiving communion, please move to your right to go back to your seat.

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, *Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,*
miserere nobis. *have mercy on us.*

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, *Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,*
dona nobis pacem. *grant us peace.*

Anthem during Communion

Richard Dering (1580-1630)

O bone Jesu, O dulcis Jesu, O Jesu fili Mariae Virginis,
plene misericordia et pietate.

O bone Jesu, O dulcis Jesu,
secundum magnam misericordiam tuam, miserere mei.

*O good Jesus, O sweet Jesus, O Jesus, Son of the Virgin Mary,
full of loving kindness and compassion.*

*O good Jesus, O sweet Jesus,
according to your great loving kindness, have mercy upon me.*

Following the Communion there will be a pause for silence.

The Commissioning of the Community

Prayer after Communion

Please stand.

Compassionate God,
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage;
may our fasting be hunger for justice;
our alms, a making of peace;
and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts;
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

All: Amen.

Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.

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.

Final Hymn (CP 565)

CWM RHONDDA

1. **Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.**
2. **Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.**
3. **When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.**

Text: William Williams (1717-1791); tr. Peter Williams (1723-1796), alt

Please stay and join us for our Zoom Coffee Hour.

Readings for March 27 – The 4th Sunday in Lent

Joshua 5:9-12 The Israelites in exodus from Egypt celebrate Passover, sign of their deliverance.

Psalms 32 There is joy when trespasses have been forgiven.

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 The good news is proclaimed in cosmic terms: 'In Christ God was reconciling the world to himself.'

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 Through the parable of the prodigal son, Jesus proclaims forgiveness.

The following people have asked for our prayers.

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

Mark
Daryl
Eric
Liz
Frank

David
Anne
Charlotte
Jenn & family
Esrael

John
Nancy
Kat
Joe & family



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