

“As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.”
-2 Timothy 4:5

With autumn come a number of predictable things—beautiful leaves, the sudden urge to make soup, and pumpkin spice everything. In the life of the Church in this time of the year, we have some lovely celebrations and observances as well. When I was in seminary, attending chapel three times a day, we had a chance to live into these occasions with great solemnity, as a community. Even though I’m not now in a place to mark all of these holy days with special masses, I continue to look forward to the rhythm of late October worship.

On October 18, we celebrate the feast of St. Luke the Evangelist. On October 23 (which falls on a Sunday this year, so the feast is transferred to the 24th), we remember James of Jerusalem, the brother of our Lord and a prominent leader in the early church. And on October 28, we commemorate Saints Simon and Jude, Apostles. And then a few days later, some of us with more Protestant leanings will at least unofficially recall the Reformation on October 31, followed by the feast of All Saints on November 1 and All Souls on November 2. What a full calendar!

What do all these observances have in common? I see a common thread in courageous witness to the faith. For some, that courage looked like following a Saviour who taught that faith required letting go of our worldly goods and even our own life, if necessary. For others, it looked like sharing the Good News in written form, whether through the original manuscripts of the Gospel or through their translation into the vernacular. And for others, it looks like living a life of faith in our own age, when skepticism and anti-religious sentiment are high and it is increasingly difficult to declare our faith in the public sector. In other words, all these people—from the saints we observe on our calendar right down to “all the faithful departed” who did their best in this life to remain true to the teachings of Christ—all of us are evangelists.

As we enter this season, let’s reflect on where we find ourselves on that spectrum. How have we been called to witness God’s goodness in our own lives? Who are our role models? What have been the challenges we’ve experienced as

we seek to proclaim God's love more faithfully in our community? Evangelism need not look like holding up campaign signs on a street corner. It can be as simple as listening to someone's joys or heartaches and naming the work of the Spirit that we hear in their story, or letting them know, with sincerity, that we are holding them in prayer.

As we enter the home stretch of the church year, may we hold fast to all that we have received from the many teachers and exemplars who have gone before us. And may we, too, do the work of an evangelist, and carry out our ministry fully.

Mother Terry+

Dear Abbey,

I've noticed that you have begun identifying the sections of the service in the bulletin with terms I'm not familiar with--I don't have a bulletin at home and I don't remember exactly what the labels are. But I noticed them and thought they were interesting, without understanding what they mean.

Sincerely,
Wondering Worshiper

Dear Wondering,

What a great question! It's actually part of the reason we introduced headings for the various parts of the service—to give us all a chance to become more familiar with the vocabulary of our worship. While a full explanation would require an instructed Eucharist (which I hope to tackle together at a worship service at some point in January or February), I can give a brief explanation here.

Entrance Rite – This is the term for the whole portion of the service that prepares us for the liturgy of the word. It might include a hymn, a procession, songs of praise and prayers. On special occasions (Palm Sunday or a wedding, for example), different entrance rites are provided.

Opening Acclamation – This is the Celebrant's greeting and the people's response. It sets the tone for worship that day, which is why it changes during certain seasons.

Collect for Purity – This is a prayer of preparation for our worship. In the Sarum Use, it was part of the private prayers of preparation for the Celebrant, but later Thomas Cranmer included it in the first Book of Common Prayer, and it has remained with us ever since.

Song of Praise – Traditionally, on Sundays in Easter and ordinary time, the congregation would sing a *Gloria in excelsis* (“Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God’s people on earth . . .”). However, the BAS provides a bit more flexibility. At SJS, our practice tends to be to sing a hymn that paraphrases the *Gloria*, but we may return to a traditional *Gloria* at some point. During Lent, we would sing a *Kyrie eleison* (“Lord, have mercy”) instead, and during Advent we will sing the *Trisagion* (“Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us”).

Collect of the Day – This is the prayer appointed for the day, generally reflecting themes of the day’s readings or of the liturgical season.

Liturgy of the Word – This is the name for all that follows prior to Holy Communion, including readings, sermon, creed, prayers, and confession (if included).

Hymn at the Sequence – This is the hymn sung after the second reading and before the Gospel. The sequence itself is both a specific musical form (though it evolved over time, so not all sequences are the same) and an element of the liturgy. In the middle ages there were sequences composed for many occasions, but after the Council of Trent they were streamlined to include just a handful for specific festivals. Some of those are still included in our hymnals today (for example, “Christians to the Paschal Victim” for Easter). Most of the time, though, we use a standard hymn at that point in the service. Depending on whom you ask, that hymn may properly look backward at the texts that have just been read, or forward to the themes of the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation – This is how we introduce the reading of the Gospel, including the singing of an Alleluia (when appropriate) and a sentence from Scripture.

Creed – We tend to use the Apostles’ Creed, the ancient creed of our baptism, as our profession of faith on most Sundays. The Nicene Creed is permissible on any Sunday, but our practice has been to use it primarily on major feasts. The Nicene Creed is an expression of orthodox belief developed in the fourth century.

Confession – We say the confession most Sundays of the church year, with the exception of the season of Easter and when doing a baptism. In Lent, we follow the Penitential Order, where the confession comes at the beginning of worship as part of the Entrance Rite, rather than after the Prayers of the People.

The Great Thanksgiving – This is the term for the celebration of Holy Communion itself. It begins with the *Sursum Corda*, a term we don't note in the leaflet but that refers to the Latin of "Lift up your hearts," which forms part of the dialogue between Celebrant and people at this point in the service. After the *Sursum Corda* comes a preface, which is a recounting of the reasons we give thanks and praise to God through Jesus Christ, and which sets the tone of the prayer to come. In some Eucharistic Prayers, the preface depends on the season of the church year, while in others it is a fixed statement of praise and thanksgiving.

Sanctus and Benedictus – This is the term for the song, "Holy, Holy, Holy Lord," which we sing after the preface. It's taken from the Latin for "holy" and "blessed."

When the Sanctus concludes, we return to the Eucharistic Prayer of the day, which includes the "institution narrative" (the recounting of Jesus at table with his friends and telling them that bread and wine are his body and blood). At the conclusion of the Eucharistic Prayer, we say the Lord's Prayer together.

Breaking of the Bread – Also known as the "fraction," this is the time when the Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread, followed by a spoken versicle and response with the congregation.

Fraction Anthem – This is an anthem that may be sung or said to accompany the breaking of the bread. Traditionally it is an *Agnus Dei* ("Lamb of God"), although there are many other fraction anthems to choose from, particularly in Easter season.

From there, we have the invitation to receive Holy Communion, and afterward a prayer, a doxology ("Glory to God, whose power working in us . . ."), notices to the congregation, and a blessing, hymn, and dismissal. And that takes us through the service!

I hope this has been helpful. If there are other questions you have, please send them my way. We will talk about all this and more when we get to that instructed Eucharist in a few months.

Warmly,
Abbey

Do you have a question about church, liturgy, Anglicanism, etc.? Is there something you've always wanted to ask but thought you should already know? Send those questions to Mother Terry at terry.dirbas@sjs.net. All questions will remain anonymous.



WESTSIDE ANGLICANS NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY HOMELESS ACTION MONTH 2022

Jesus calls us to follow him, a following which takes us into the margins of society. In these thin places, where the world is raw and human needs are the highest, Jesus reminds us of the Kingdom of God. This month we honour and celebrate our Indoor Team and everyone in this parish who reaches out to our homeless neighbours with love and friendship.

Each week a team drawn from each of the four-member parishes leaves with care packets full of non-perishable food items and toiletries, including clothing items. Each packet contains items that recipients have said are most helpful, ensuring that they are always put to good use. The Outdoor Teams continue to help connect people in need with other services—housing, medical and dental and emotional care, income assistance and retrieving lost IDs to our Mobile Care Unit & The Angel Program.

We name and honour our dedicated and hard-working indoor team members who make sandwiches, provide hardboiled eggs and pack the monthly packages for distribution: Ken Pepin, team lead, Michael Dezell, Terry & Catherine Warren, Karin Fulcher, Alberta Rudolf, Louise Hadley, and Penni Stock.

Each package usually contains:

- Canned Tuna, salmon, sardines etc.
- juice boxes, pudding/fruit cups;
- toiletries (small size: lip balm, sunscreen, Vaseline, hand sanitizer, toothbrush & toothpaste)
- Power bars and soft granola bars (soft foods because many have bad teeth)
- Protein drinks: Boost/Ensure.

Please consider donating some of the items above during October as we seek to replenish our store cupboards for winter.

Along with the packages, bananas, oranges (soft fruits only), peanut butter sandwiches, and boiled eggs are provided, with special gifts/treats added at Christmas and Easter.

Joan Stewart
Co-chair Board of Management
Westside Anglicans Neighbourhood
Ministry &
Mobile Care Unit Team Lead

Choral Evensong

in Commemoration of All Faithful Departed

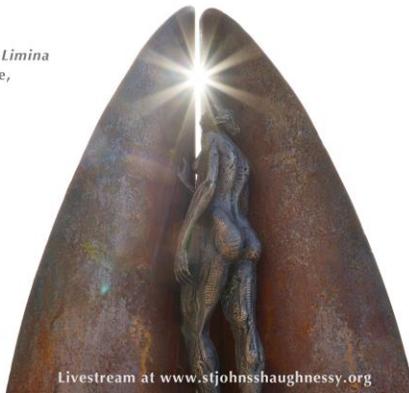
Sunday, October 30 at 3 pm

*Featuring the music of J.S. Bach, William Byrd,
and Sarah MacDonald*

Followed by the dedication of *Limina*
in the Garden of Remembrance,
and a reception with light
refreshments.
All are welcome



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Choral Evensong for All Faithful Departed – October 30, 3 p.m.

On October 30, we will hold a special evensong in observance of the Commemoration of All Faithful Departed, commonly known as All Souls' Day. This will serve as our annual Memorial Garden Evensong, and we are hopeful that the Limina sculpture will be installed in time to be dedicated at this service as well. The choir is preparing some beautiful music, and we will have a festive reception afterward. Please mark your calendars and invite your friends!

Hospitality Volunteers Needed!

Do you enjoy having coffee and refreshments after church? We do, too! It's a great time to get to know one another and welcome new members to the parish. But **we cannot have coffee hour without volunteers!** Please consider signing up to help. It is not difficult, and it is vital to our ministry.

Parish Book Club – First Meeting Tuesday, October 25 at 7 p.m.

We're starting a parish book club! Our first gathering will be on Tuesday, October 25, in the Trendell Lounge. (We will provide a Zoom link for those who would like to join us remotely.) This month, we will be discussing [The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World](#), by Desmond Tutu and the Dalai Lama. If you have any questions, please contact Mother Liz.

Parish Necrology – Submit Names by October 23

At our evensong on October 30, we will observe the Commemoration of All Faithful Departed. While this is a service to remember all those who have gone before us, there is also a long tradition of reading the parish necrology, or a list of those who have died since the last All Souls' Day.

If you have a family member or close friend who has died in the past year, please submit their names to Mother Terry by October 23. Please also reach out to their loved ones to let them know about the worship service, and that they will be named in our prayers that evening. Often their relatives will choose to attend, and it can serve as a wonderful way to offer support to those who are still grieving.

Royal Canadian College of Organists Halloween Organ Spooktacular at SJS – OCT 28 7:30pm

The Royal Canadian College of Organists Halloween Organ Spooktacular (RCCO) which Michael Dirk serves on executive as Vice-President and Education Officer will be hosting their Halloween Organ Spooktacular Concert at SJS on Friday Oct 28, 7:30pm.

This also coincides with the 54th Anniversary of SJS's Hallman pipe organ's dedication- and the 5th anniversary of the launch of the organ revitalization campaign. Please join us then.

SJS Prayer List

If you request that someone's name be added to the prayer list, please keep in touch with us. At the end of each month, all names will be removed, so you will need to add the names again at the end of each

month. Please also let us know if you want someone removed from the list. Email the office (church@sjs.net) anytime! Thank you.

Greeting volunteers needed at the 10am service

We could use several more greeters! Please contact the office (church@sjs.net) for more details if you are interested in greeting on Sunday mornings.

AVE MARIA

The Gallery Singers present a feast of Renaissance music by Josquin des Prez, Orlando di Lasso and G.P. da Palestrina, featuring "Sicut Cervus", "Jubilate Deo" and Josquin's stunning "Ave Maria.

October 30th, 2022, 3:00 pm
at Holy Truinity Anglican Church,
1440 West 12th Avenue (at
Hemlock), Vancouver

We require audience members to be masked to keep the concert as accessible as possible for all. Singers will also be masked

Adults - \$20.00, Students with valid ID - \$10.00, Children 0 - 12 yrs - Free

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SJS Garden Club Needs New Volunteers

It is time for the Garden Club to renew their efforts at St Johns. We hope we have some new volunteers who could join us from time to time. Or every week! Weather permitting, we meet on **Monday mornings**, but the day/time can be adjusted to accommodate other schedules. We do watering, light pruning (no saws or ladders), weeding, dividing, planting, etc. We enjoy wonderful chit chats in the safety of the outdoors. You can bring your own gloves and tools if you want to, or you can borrow ours. If you have old tools in your garage that you don't use any more, please let us know.

We are accepting donations of old garden tools.

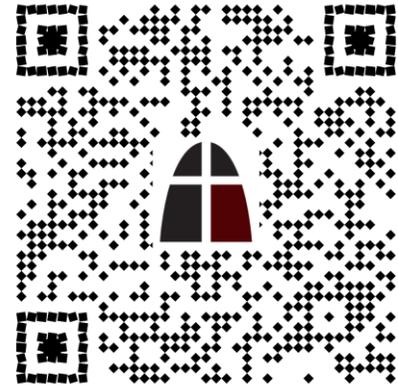
WNM items for Homeless Needed

Winter clothing, raingear, boots, sleeping bags, socks, pudding cups, granola bars (soft with no fruit/nuts), & juice boxes.

We are always grateful for the generosity of everyone. We are well stocked in most of the supplies that we send out. What we are short of is protein items (eg tuna tins), and meal replacements (Ensure or Boost). And always, socks. Thanks so much.

Financial Support - Stewardship

If you would like to make a financial contribution to help support the worship and ministry of St. John's Shaughnessy, please do! You



can use this QR code (point your phone's camera at it) and it will take you to the donation page of our website. If you have recently made a contribution online or by cheque, thank you so very much! If you currently give by Pre-Authorized Donation, thank you! Our church has been affected by COVID-19 in many ways and financial giving is certainly one.

If you would like to give via monthly Pre-Authorized Donations (easy to change and easy to cancel), please contact Cynthia in the office (church@sjs.net or 604-731-4966). If you would like to give to the church using a credit card, please use the DONATE button on our website (Canada Helps on top of page one, and Paypal on the bottom of page one). Cheques may be mailed or dropped through the church mail slot.

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