

Today is the feast of Corpus Christi, on which we celebrate the centrality of the Eucharist to the life of the Church. On this day, we commemorate the institution of the sacrament of Holy Communion by our Lord on the night of his betrayal and arrest. While we do also remember this event at our Maundy Thursday service, the mood of Holy Week is more somber as we anticipate the betrayal and the crucifixion that will follow. Even if we choose to use white vestments and sing the Gloria on Maundy Thursday, it is a short-lived moment of very restrained joy, rather than a true celebration.



Yet we are so grateful for this sacrament that nourishes us both physically and spiritually. Corpus Christi provides an opportunity for us to engage in festive thanksgiving for the Eucharist. The feast is observed on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday, and is often celebrated on the Sunday afterward as well. In many places, festive processions take place after the Sunday Eucharist, in which the host is carried through the streets of the geographic parish, accompanied by the people's prayers and songs of adoration.

The celebration of Corpus Christi originated in the 13th century, when Belgian nun Juliana de Liège received a vision and advocated for the establishment of such a feast. It was first celebrated locally in Liège around 1247, and was later adopted by the Roman Catholic Church in 1264. During the Reformation, its celebration was abolished by most Protestants. Even today, it is not officially a part of the calendar of the Anglican Church of Canada. Yet many parishes still keep this celebration, and *McCausland's Order of Divine Service* (the most commonly used liturgical guide for the Anglican Church of Canada) includes lections for it.

Last year on the Corpus Christi Sunday, a procession went past my home in Richmond, which was very close to a Roman Catholic Church. It was an absolute delight. Our family joined in some of the prayers as the procession passed. Many of our neighbours also came out onto their porches to see what was going on. People even came over from the nearby playground. I'm sure many of them were not Christian, but the procession provided a witness to the faith of those who walked with the sacrament. It was a holy experience, even as an observer.

We don't have any processions planned at St. John's, Shaughnessy any time soon. But I encourage you to remember this celebration in your heart over the next few days. Give some thought, in your prayer time, to what the Eucharist means to you. We probably have many different answers to that question, and yet Christ touches all of our hearts in this holy meal. I am grateful for that. And I'm grateful that I get to share that meal with you, week after week, as we worship together.

I'd like to close by sharing the text of the hymn, *Now, My Tongue, the Mystery Telling*. It was composed by Thomas Aquinas for the Corpus Christi liturgy, and translated in the 19th century by Anglican priest Edward Caswall. We will sing this on Sunday at the offertory, as an acknowledgment of this great feast.

*Now, my tongue, the mystery telling, of the glorious body sing, and the blood, all price
excelling, which the nations' Lord and King, once on earth among us dwelling, shed for this
world's ransoming.*

*Given for us and condescending to be born for us below, he, with us in converse blending,
dwelt the seed of truth to sow, till he closed with wondrous ending his most patient life of woe.*

*That last night at supper lying with the twelve, his chosen band, Jesus, with the law complying,
keeps the feast its rites demand; then, more precious food supplying, gives himself with his
own hand.*

*Word made flesh, by word he maketh very bread his flesh to be, wine his blood for whoso
taketh; and if senses fail to see, faith alone the true heart waketh to behold the mystery.*

*Therefore we, before him bending, this great sacrament revere; types and shadows have their
ending, for the newer rite is here; faith, our outward sense befriending, makes our inward
vision clear.*

*Glory let us give, and blessing, to the Father and the Son; honour, thanks, and praise
addressing while eternal ages run, and the Spirit's power confessing, who from both with both
is one.*

!!THIS SUNDAY IS APPRECIATION SUNDAY!!



Please be sure to join us after the 10am service, out on the lawn for a delicious BAR-B-Q.

We will be celebrating our graduates and other milestones in our congregation.

All are welcome!

Please give your hearty congratulations to the following graduates:

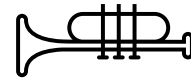
Griff Wong – graduating from pre-school in preparation for entering kindergarten this coming September.

Angela Kwong – graduating with a diploma in Music Therapy Studies to complement her Masters Degree in Music. She plans to continue on and earn a Masters Degree in Music Therapy in the near future.

The Gregg siblings are both graduating this year: Patrick from high school and Rebecca from university.

The folks in the **Gardening Club** who make the grounds so pretty are looking for some **volunteers to water the plants and lawn** during the summer hot spells. It can be any day of the week as your schedule allows. If you can help out in this way please contact Sue Firus at 604 224-1993 or sfirus@shaw.ca





NEWS FLASH” Great News

At long last the Kandeel Family’s application to come to Canada has been approved!

ARRIVING JUNE 26, 2023!



They will touch down in Vancouver on June 26, 2023! That’s right – in just a couple of weeks, so the Refugee Committee has swung into “High Gear”.

While we will start to look for rental accommodations immediately, we know that we will need to secure temporary accommodations for at least a week – possible a few weeks. If anyone in the parish has a basement flat, extra rooms and were willing to host the family for this time (Bassel the father does speak some English), please contact Jennifer Clarke (604-505-9385) or Robyn Woodward (604-719-7454). We are also in need of a set of bunk beds with mattresses or two twins.

We are looking for more Volunteers, especially those who have time to drive Bassel and Hadeel to a few appointments, help move, unpack, and set up their new home once we find them rental accommodations. Call Jennifer or Robyn to let us know.

Our **Organist/Music-Director Michael Dirk** captured the media attention of CBC this week. The Orpheum's Mighty WurliTzer will be showcased once more **this Saturday at 4:45-5:30pm as part of the VSO's annual Day of Music** where Michael will present an encore of his recent 1923 '*Felix goes to Hollywood*', an introduction to the inner workings of the WurliTzer and the craft of improvised film accompaniment, and close with the 1928 debut of Mickey Mouse: '*Steamboat Willie*'. All of the day's 100 concerts from 10am-10pm are free and open to the public. <https://dayofmusic.ca/>



The Labyrinth Guilds Forms Again

Anyone with an interest in our labyrinth and its usage are encouraged to join our Labyrinth Guild. Our Lenten Series showed us that there was real interest in using our labyrinth in an intentional way. The Labyrinth Guild can help implement these events.

Please come to a short meeting next Sunday, June 18 after the service. All are welcome to bring your ideas. If you can't make it to this meeting, that's okay. You are welcome to come to any of our future meetings.



LA MAÎTRISE DES PETITS CHANTEURS DE QUÉBEC ON TOUR
SUMMER 2023

C'est beau le monde

St John's Shaughnessy
Anglican Church

1490 Nanton Ave.
Vancouver, BC

June 29

7:30 p.m.

WHEN MUSIC MAKES
THE WORLD FLOURISH



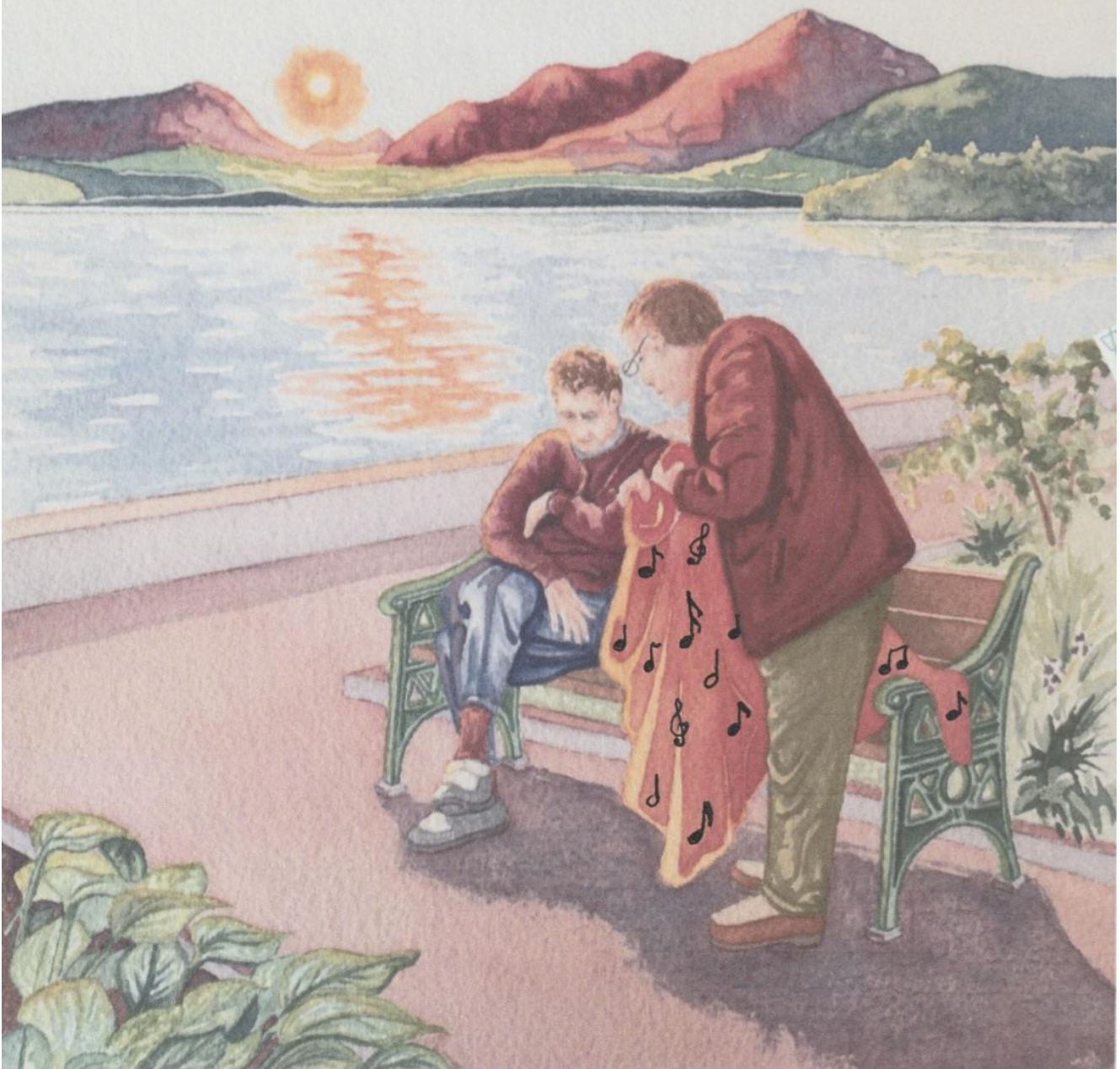
La Maîtrise
des petits chanteurs
de Québec
DEPUIS 1915

EVENING PRAYER

with

The Neighbourhood Gospel Band

**Sunday, June 18, 2023 at 4:00pm
St. John's Shaughnessy Anglican Church
1490 Nanton Avenue, Vancouver**



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Volunteers Needed for Vacation Bible Camp

SJS is hosting the diocesan Vacation Bible Camp this summer (see article below) and **we need your help!** We are looking for someone to coordinate craft supplies, and for several volunteers to be present throughout the week. If you can only volunteer for a day or two, that's ok, too! Please email Mother Terry with your availability. Many hands make light work. This is a great opportunity for our church to be a resource to the children and families in our community.



Looking for something this summer for kids? Always wished there was a place to invite families over the summer to grow deeper in faith, play in community, and grow together in love? Aspire Bible Camp is coming this summer, and we want you! This collaborative offering of a

vacation bible camp, spearheaded by Lauren Odile Pinkney, Children, Youth and Family Minister at Christ Church Cathedral and Diocesan Missioner for Youth and the Reverend. Alex Wilson Vicar of St. Anselm's, seeks to offer an accessible vacation bible camp experience for parishes of any size.

Partnering with **the Reverend Terry Dirbas at St. John's Shaughnessy** and the Reverend Laurel Dykstra of Salal and Cedar, Aspire Bible Camp runs from July 17-21, and is made possible by grant funding from the diocesan Anglican Initiatives Fund and the Parish Ministry Development department Together we will hire youth to help deliver the program, working alongside mentors, as they develop their own leadership while engaging with kids of all backgrounds. We can't wait for what is going to be a summer of real fun together!

Have a passion for ministry with kids, training in *Godly Play* or *Messy Church*, or know of a youth/young adult who might want to work with us? [Contact Lauren by email to find out more.](#)

Parishes are invited to participate in the drop off and pick up, as well as hosting snack times. This will give them the ability to engage with the parents and celebrate the joys of kids learning together about Jesus.

Registration opens now, and the \$75 fee gives kids a limited edition Aspire Bible Camp T-shirt and snacks everyday. We ask that participants bring their own lunches.

Socks, Thank You and Welcome!

A huge Thank You for your generous donations to the Westside Anglican Neighbourhood Ministry. We are well stocked in everything at the moment except socks.

Donations of socks are always welcome.



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.

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 Ann in the office (church.office@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.

Please contact the parish office if you would like to be added to our mailing list, so that we may let you know about upcoming events.

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