

Dear Friends: Welcome to St. John's! Tonight is Artizo Sunday. The word "Artizo" comes from the Biblical Greek word, meaning, "to equip." The Artizo Institute was established 25 years ago, in Vancouver, to equip young leaders for gospel ministry, so that we might fill Canada with the sound of God's word. The key task of the two-year Artizo Apprenticeship is training people to faithfully preach and teach God's word, and entrust it to others (2 Timothy 2:2).

SJR is one of five Artizo Training churches. Tonight our Apprentice, Matt Myers, will be preaching, and we will also have a presentation about Artizo at the end of the service by Artizo's Director of Training, the Rev. Ben Roberts. You may be interested to know that since SJR was planted, we have helped train Dan Hsu, Rev. Ben Roberts, Rev. Jeremy Graham, Rev. David McElrea, and Rev. Allan Tan, all of whom are exercising full time ministry in our Diocese. I, too, am an Artizo graduate; I'm so thankful for the training I've received, and long that Artizo continues to grow for the good of the Church.

Warmly, Sean

TODAY'S SERVICE

LITURGY AND LYRICS will be on-screen and are available online by using the code:

BIBLE READINGS Isaiah 50:4-11 Psalm 27 John 11:55-12:19 Amanda Yu

CHILDREN AND YOUTH After the children (K-grade 6) come forward for prayer, their class meets upstairs; they will be returned to their parents during or after the service. Youth (grades 7-12) will likewise leave for their class upstairs.

COLLECT OF THE DAY O Lord, who for our sake did fast forty days and forty nights: Give us grace to use such abstinence, that, our flesh being subdued to the Spirit, we may ever obey your godly motions in righteousness and true holiness, to your honour and glory; who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR LENT Almighty and everlasting God, who hates nothing that you have made, and does forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

OFFERING We are very grateful for the financial support we receive from our church family! Please use the offering plate or give online, using the code. If you are visiting SJR, please simply be our guest.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

Gail Munich

NOTICES

- Artizo Presentation: the Rev. Ben Roberts, Director of Training with Artizo, will share at the end of our service this evening.

- Newcomers Welcome Gathering: Sunday March 16th. We are hosting a special dessert event following the Evening Service next week for those who have joined SJR within the past 12 months (or for those who just 'feel' new!). You are invited to the Chapel where we will enjoy a nice dessert and tea, present some important information about SJR, introduce you to some leaders in the church, answer any questions you have, and hear a little about your own story.

Welcome to St. John's Richmond!

Our desire is to joyfully love and serve Jesus Christ and share him with our neighbours.

We are excited to gather on Sunday Evenings for this special way to worship God at the end of the day and the beginning of the week. If you are new to us, please stay for refreshments so we can introduce ourselves to you.

As Anglicans, we use liturgy (structured prayer) to walk through the wonderful story of who Jesus Christ is, and what God has done for us through his life, death, resurrection and reign. The music, readings, prayers and participation are arranged to help us rehearse the good news ('gospel') of salvation: our new life in Jesus.

Our Evening Prayer and Holy Communion services follow patterns set out in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP), developed in the 1500's during the English Reformation by Thomas Cranmer. About 88% of the BCP is directly taken from the Bible.

The best reason to use these classic liturgies is that they remind us of our sin, point to the grace of Jesus Christ, and invite us to respond in faith. This is the pattern of our prayers, and the pattern of the Christian life.

Want to find out more about us? Pick up the "Introducing Anglican Worship" booklet at the Welcome Table, and email us at "contact@stjohnsrichmond.com" to ask any questions or sign up for our weekly email update.



WELCOME

OPENING SENTENCES

OPENING HYMN *(All lyrics will be screen-shared)*

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

CONFESSION

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep, we have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, we have offended against your holy laws, we have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.

But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore them who are penitent; according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

A DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS OF SIN *(said by the leader)*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness, and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins.

He [God] pardons and absolves all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

RESPONDING WITH PRAISE *(Sung)*

O Lord, open thou our lips;

And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise

O God, make speed to save us;

O Lord, make haste to help us.

(Standing)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

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!

SONGS

FIRST BIBLE READING *(Bible Readings are found on Page 1)*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S PRAYER

PSALM OR CANTICLE *(found on Page 1)*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

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

SECOND BIBLE READING

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SONG

APOSTLES' CREED

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 Spirit,
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 sits 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 Spirit;
The holy Catholic Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed is an historic profession of faith in the faithfulness of God, and locates us in a community of faith stretching back to the early Church. It is a theological summary of apostolic doctrine, originating before the 4th century and ratified by the 7th.

SERMON

OFFERING SONG and PRAYER

Blessed are you, Lord God of Israel, for ever and ever.
All that is in the heaven and in the earth is yours.

All things come from you, and we offer only what you have first given us.

The Lord be with you;

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

**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.
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever, Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY & any additional **COLLECTS** (*printed on Page 1*)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

NUNC DIMITTIS (*Latin, from the first words of the Song of Simeon, Luke 2:29*)

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word.

For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of your people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

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

NOTICES - Artizo Presentation

CLOSING HYMN

BENEDICTION

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night, and at the last a perfect end; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with us this night and forevermore. **Amen.**

The Question of Glory

The Contrast of Two Logics

The Weight that Endures