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Holy Communion
Sunday July 27th, 2025
Pentecost 7 (West Coast Liturgy)
The Rev. Marion Edmondson Preaching



***We are a church in the Anglican Diocese of Islands and Inlets,
following Christ with renewed hearts, renewed spirits,
and as a renewed people.***

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When we cry, “Abba, Father!” it is the Spirit of God bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God. -Romans 8.15, 16

Processional Hymn: #350 Stand Up and Bless the Lord

Welcome & Acknowledgment of Land

Call to Worship:

God bless the path on which you go;

God bless the earth beneath your feet.

God bless your destination.

God be a smooth way before you, a guiding star above you, a keen eye behind you this day and all days. Amen (Ray Simpson)

(We prepare our hearts for worship in silence)

The Gathering of the Community (Service begins on p. 185)

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Collect: O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy, increase and multiply upon us your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word (Led by Chris Chance)

First Reading: HOSEA 1:2-10

PSALM 85 R: **Show us your mercy.**

Second Reading: COLOSSIANS 2:6-15

Gradual Hymn: #532 What a Friend I Have in Jesus (vs. 1-2)

The Gospel: LUKE 11:1-13

Gradual Hymn: #532 What a Friend I Have in Jesus (vs. 3)

Homily:

Affirmation of Faith:

Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say:

We believe in God, who has created all life and continues to create new life within and without us. We believe in Jesus, son of God, son of man, the Saviour of the world. By his life, his death and his resurrection from the grave, we can know the true depth of human possibility and experience the true joy of abundant life. We believe the Holy Spirit is present now and always calling us to faith, giving us gifts, and empowering us for service. We believe the church is the community of faith called to experience the fullness of life through God's Word made flesh in Jesus Christ. Amen

Prayers of the People (Led by Rev. Alastair)

Prayer for Renewal

Gracious God, as people called to be your presence in the world, we search our hearts, and ask your forgiveness:

(silence follows)

**For opportunities not taken, for care not given,
forgive us we pray**

**For sorrow not shared, for joy not celebrated,
forgive us we pray**

**For love not offered, forgiveness not extended,
forgive us we pray**

**For those failings we cannot speak aloud,
forgive us we pray**

Gracious God we seek your healing grace, and ask forgiveness in the name of Jesus. Amen

Words of Assurance

No matter where we are, God is there.

No matter what we have done, God forgives.

No matter our reluctance to accept God, God has accepted us.

With that assurance, receive forgiveness, and live in fullness and in hope. Amen

The Peace:

The God who holds heaven and earth as one sent to us the Prince of Peace:
peace in the Church,
peace among nations,
peace in our homes and
peace in our hearts.

The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you**

Offertory Hymn: #531 You Who Dwell the Shelter of the Lord

Prayer over the Gifts: God of grace, accept all we offer you this day, as we look toward the glory you have promised. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

The Lord is here

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them up to God

Let us give thanks to the God of all of Creation

It is right to give our thanks and praise

It is indeed right that we should praise you, God of love, our source and our fulfillment, for you create all things and in you we live and move and have our being. Your wonder is manifest in land and sea and sky.

You made us in your image. And even though we turn from you, again and again you call us to yourself, and in every age, promise liberation. As a mother gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own to nurture them in the way of compassionate love. You sent Jesus among us, incarnate of the Holy Spirit and born of Mary. Jesus revealed your love for all Creation, and showed us the way of reconciliation. Having lived among us - Jesus suffered the cross, died, and in rising again became the firstborn of the renewed family.

Your Holy Spirit descended and gave life to your church.

And so we gather around your table, with all the saints and with all Creation, we sing the hymn of your unending love:

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

To you be glory, almighty God, because on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, when he had given thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you: do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said: Drink this all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this to remember me.

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we ask you to accept this, our sacrifice of praise. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son.

Unite us in Christ and give us your peace that we might be strengthened to do your work as your body in the world. Through Christ our Redeemer, in the power of the Spirit, all praise and glory be yours, Creator God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ,

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The gifts of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God

The Communion (all are welcome to receive communion, or to come up to the altar for a blessing)

Communion Hymn: (*parish remains seated*) Prayer of St Francis

Make me a channel of your peace

Where there is hatred let me bring your love

Where there is injury, your pardon Lord

And where there's doubt, true faith in you

Refrain: Oh, master grant that I may never seek

So much to be consoled as to console

To be understood as to understand

To be loved as to love with all my soul

Make me a channel of your peace

Where there's despair in life let me bring hope

Where there is darkness, only light

And where there's sadness ever joy *Refrain*

Make me a channel of your peace

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned."

In giving to all men that we receive

And in dying that we're born to eternal life *Refrain*

Prayer after Communion: God of grace, we have received the memorial of the death and resurrection of your Son. May your love, poured into us, bring us to your promises. We ask this in the name of our Redeemer Jesus Christ. **Amen**

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Glory to God, whose power working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God, from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: #418 Draw The Circle Wide

The Dismissal p. 215

Announcements:

- Outreach Focus for JULY is the Vancouver School of Theology (VST)
- Parish Barbeque to follow today's service
- Restaurantours, THIS THURSDAY (July 31) 5:30pm, Heritage House Pub
- Blessing Boutique closed on Monday, August 4 due to Stat
- No Chair Yoga on Wednesday, August 6
- New parishioners, please complete a Personal Information Form.'
- Pledge Cards for the kitchen donation can be placed in the offering plate
- No Fellowship Lunches for July & August.
- Parish Yard Sale, Saturday, August 16, 9-noon, hall & yard
- The G.I.G. Bible Study, finished till the fall.
- Blessing Boutique: Mondays, 9am-1pm, hall, need men's/women's clothing
- DONATIONS NEEDED Blessing Box, non-perishable food items

SJTD SUNDAY QUOTE:

"To pray 'Give us each day our daily bread' in contexts of hunger is not a passive ritual—it is a radical political cry for justice."

-Musa Dube "The Lord's Prayer in a Globalizing World"

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<https://www.sjtdcourtenay.ca> and click on the "Donate" tab.*

If you are new, please drop us a line (phone or email) and let us know if you would be interested in a call or pastoral visit from Rev. Alastair. Rev. Alastair can be reached at: Email: ahunting@bc.anglican.ca or Cell: 250-650-0889