

ST. JOHN THE DIVINE ANGLICAN CHURCH

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Holy Communion
Sunday August 31st, 2025
West Coast Liturgy (Pentecost 12)
The Most Rev. Caleb Lawrence Presiding



***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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Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart. -Matthew 11.29

Processional Hymn: #584 The church of Christ in Every Age

Welcome & Acknowledgment of Land

In this time and place We gather on the ancestral territories of Kwakwaka'wakw, Nuuchah-nulth and Coast Salish peoples.

From many places and peoples we come to this house in prayer.

In this time and place We gather in the name of the living God.

We meet in the presence of Jesus Christ, risen and alive.

In this time and place We gather with the community of faith around the globe and across the ages

In this time and place heaven and earth are one.

In this time and place We are not alone, but one in Christ. Knit together in the unity of the Spirit. In this time and place Hallowed, expectant, one people in God.

In the name of the Holy and Blessed One, Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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

Glory to God p. 186

Kyrie Eleison p. 186

Collect: Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word (Led by Dr. Doug Shantz)

First Reading: JEREMIAH 2:4-13

PSALM 81:1, 10-16 **R: Sing with joy to God our strength.**

Second Reading: HEBREWS 13:1-8, 15-16

Gradual Hymn: MV 79. Spirit Open My Heart

Refrain: *Spirit, open my heart
to the joy and pain of living.*

*As you love may I love,
in receiving and in giving,
Spirit, open my heart.*

God, replace my stony heart
with a heart that's kind and tender.
All my coldness and fear
to your grace I now surrender. *R*

Write your love upon my heart
as my law, my goal, my story.
In each thought, word, and deed,
may my living bring you glory. *R*

The Gospel: LUKE 14:1, 7-14

Gradual Hymn: MV 79. Spirit Open My Heart (*cont'd*)

May I weep with those who weep,
share the joy of sister, brother.
In the welcome of Christ,
may we welcome one another. *R*

Homily:

Creedal Hymn: #44 I Believe in God Almighty

Prayers of the People

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

Offertory Hymn: #619 Fairest Lord Jesus

Prayer over the Gifts: Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day. Give us grace to love one another that your love may be made perfect in us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

God is here: **The Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts and minds. **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God the Creator.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you** Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

Great Creator, with wit and wisdom you formed the universe. In expectation, your Spirit brooded over all: the midwife of transformation. At your Word, the skies, the seas, the lands and all life came to be. In you, all created things shared life with one another. In ceremony and song, dance and art, these relationships were portrayed and honoured by the first peoples of these Islands and Inlets. The plants, the cedars, the creatures of forest, sea and air revealed your wonder and majesty. When we turned from you, connections were broken and creation suffered. Still, you continued to bring light from night, freedom from slavery, and life from death. Therefore, together with our ancestors in faith and with your beloved creation we sing:

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.

We praise you, Source of all, for the living Word: Jesus. Born in poverty; a child refugee, a worker with his hands. He gathered disciples and taught and healed the people. He freely shared our sorrow, joy, and pain. In vulnerability, he showed power over sin and triumphed over death. On the night before Jesus died, he feasted with his companions. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying, "Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you, do this to remember me." After supper he took the cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to his companions saying, 10 "Drink this, all of you; this is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and the world for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me Entering into the mystery of faith we call:

Come Source of life. Come, transforming Word. Come, Creator Spirit.

With his sacred presence unbounded by space and time, we offer to you this bread and cup. Send your Breath of Life, like wind, blowing where it will, north, east, south and west. May your Spirit brood over these gifts and all who feast at this table offering a foretaste of the eternal feast to come. May all who share your abundant gifts be incorporated as one body and one holy people, joined in the offering of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection for the reconciliation of all things. Reveal the unity of your Church and the mystery of our communion with our holy forebears and those yet to be born, that we may be guided in faith and walk gently on the earth. Glory and honour to you Triune God, dynamic of love, complete and perfect unity, now, and in all ages. **Amen**

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*) #56 I Am the Bread

Prayer after Communion: Almighty God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Doxology:

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: MV #144 Like a Healing Stream

“Like a healing stream in a barren desert,
Spirit water bringing life to dusty earth,
God is trickling through our lives as in a dream unfolding,
Promising revival and rebirth...
Like a healing stream.

Like a gentle rain on a thirsty garden,
Spirit water come to nourish tiny seed,
God is bubbling through the soil to coax a new creation,
Yearning for an end to want and need...
Like a gentle rain.

Like a river strong with a restless current,
Spirit water rushing on to distant shore,
God is carving out a channel in a new direction,
Calling for an end to hate and war...
Like a river strong.

Like a mighty sea reaching far horizons, living-water-
Spirit water with a love both deep and wide,
God is working in our hearts to shape a new tomorrow;
God will always challenge and provide!
Like a mighty sea,
Like a river strong,
Like a gentle rain,
Like a healing stream.”

The Dismissal

Flowers today are given by Marion Matthews to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her mother Myrtle and husband Dave.

*All are welcome to join us in the hall after the service
for a fellowship & refreshments*

Announcements:

- Outreach Focus for August is St. John's Kitchen Reno
 - No Blessing Boutique tomorrow due to stat. holiday
 - KITCHEN FUNDRAISERS: Guess Who's Coming to Dinner, Pies for Sale
 - This Wednesday will be a Morning Prayer with Rev. Marion, 10am
 - Next Sunday: Last Summer service at St. Andrew will be a Eucharist with Rev. Alastair, 8am
 - New parishioners, please complete a Personal Information Form.'
 - Pledge Cards for the kitchen donation can be placed in the offering plate
 - Blessing Boutique: Mondays, 9am-1pm, hall, need men's/women's clothing
- DONATIONS NEEDED** Blessing Box, non-perishable food items

*Thank-you for your continued prayers and support of our parish ministry here at St. John's. If you'd like to give financially, please visit:
<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

FRUIT PIES

• **BLACKBERRY**

• **APPLE BLACKBERRY**

• **PURPLE BERRY**

(BLUEBERRIES & BLACKBERRIES)

• **CHERRY-BERRY**

(CHERRIES & BLUEBERRIES)



Order frozen or baked pies.

\$18 per pie.

Pick up in September.

Order Sheet in the hall by
kitchen.

Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?

A Fund-raiser for St John Kitchen Renovations



Tickets are \$50 per person

We will match people up with hosts.

If you are interested in hosting 2 or more people for dinner,
or wish to buy a dinner ticket,
please email one of the following people:

Marion Edmondson: dmedmondson@telus.net or 250-334-3385

Marj Aitken: marjorieaitken253@gmail.com

Please indicate if you have any food allergies or pet allergies.