

ST. JOHN THE DIVINE ANGLICAN CHURCH

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Holy Communion
Sunday September 21st, 2025
Season of Creation



***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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You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for our sake he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich.
-2 Corinthians 8.0

Processional Hymn:

Welcome & Acknowledgment of Land

Call to Worship:

The entire material universe speaks of God's love,

God's boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: Everything is a caress of God. Amen

-Pope Francis (Laudato Si)

(We prepare our hearts for worship in silence)

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

Glory to God p. 186

Kyrie Eleison p. 186

Collect: Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word *(Led by Chris Chance)*

First Reading: JEREMIAH 8:18-9:1

PSALM 79:1-9 **R: Help us, O God our Saviour, for the glory of your name.**

Second Reading: 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-7

Gradual Hymn:

The Gospel: LUKE 16:1-13

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Homily:

Affirmation of Faith: Apostles Creed p. 189 *(please stand as able)*

Prayers of the People *(Led by Dr. Doug Shantz)*

Confession and Absolution p. 191

The Peace: p. 192

Offertory Hymn:

Prayer over the Gifts: God of power, the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe. Accept our offering this day, and help us to live in peace and harmony with all your creation, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharist prayer # 3 p.198

The Lord's Prayer (sung) p. 211 (*please stand as able*)

The Breaking of the Bread (prayer # 3) p. 212

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

Communion Hymn: (*parish remains seated*)

Prayer after Communion: Ruler of the universe, all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son. May we who have shared in holy things grow into maturity in him. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Season of Creation / Stewardship (*Chris Chance to speak*)

Doxology (Sung):

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen

The Blessing

Closing Hymn:

The Dismissal p. 215

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

Announcements:

- Outreach Focus for September is St. John's Kitchen Reno

- Celtic Evening Prayer, TODAY, 4pm, church
- The G.I.G. will be starting up again THIS TUESDAY, 3:30pm, ZOOM
- Restaurantours, THIS THURSDAY, 5:30pm at Griffin Pub, 1185 Kilmorely Rd, Comox
- Sunday Sept. 28 Orange Shirt Day wear your orange shirt if you have them
- Men's coffee, Monday Sept 29, 8am, hall
- Sunday Oct. 5 – Blessing of Pets
- Guess Who's Coming to Dinner: \$50, avail dates Friday Sept. 26, Saturday Sept.27, Saturday Oct 11 or Friday Oct. 24. Reservations speak to Marion Edmondson - dmedmondson@telus.net
- Call for volunteers, crafters who would like to donate handmade or homemade items or rent a table at our Winter Bazaar (Sat. Nov. 15. Contact Ginny in the office
- 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

SJTD SUNDAY QUOTE:

**“[If we think of] the world as God’s body ... creation is God’s self-expression ... we never meet God unembodied ... salvation is about living better on the earth, not just seeking some disembodied future.
-Sallie McFague**

*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.

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