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Holy Communion
October 5th, 2025
Blessing of Pets (Feast of St. Francis)
Adapted from St. Augustine Anglican Church Edmonton



***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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A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows. -St. Francis

Processional Hymn: #424 Sing Praise to God

Welcome & Acknowledgment of Land

Call to Worship:

Divine One, your Holy Spirit gives breath to all living beings; **renew us by the same Spirit that we may learn to respect what you have given and care for what you have made, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Almighty God your Son Jesus Christ taught us to love even the least among us; **give us the courage to care for all living creatures and the strength to defend even the weakest of all.**

Loving God, your Son Jesus Christ is the reconciler of all things in heaven and on earth; **send us your Spirit that we may be made one with all your creatures, and know that all things come from you, and belong to you, now and forever.**

Living God, you sustain all of creation and feed each living thing by the complex ecosystem of this land; **may we live well in this place as your sons and daughters, honoring all who make it their home. Amen.**

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

Glory to God p.186

Kyrie Eleison p. 186

Collect: Source and Sustainer of life, we cherish the myriad works of your hands. Water, earth, and sky are yours, as are all their inhabitants, wild and tame. We thank you for creatures that serve, befriend, enrich, entertain, nourish and protect us. May we, who are made in your image, care for them well. And may your groaning, yet wondrous creation rally and thrive, revealing to all who come after us your wise, redemptive, transfiguring love; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word (Led by Patrick Warden)

First Reading: LAMENTATIONS 1:1-6

Canticle: LAM 3:19-26 R: **Wait quietly for the salvation of the Lord.**

Second Reading: 2 TIMOTHY 1:1-14

Gradual Hymn: #650 God's Spirit as a Rising Gale (vs. 1-3)

The Gospel: LUKE 17:5-10

Gradual Hymn: #650 God's Spirit as a Rising Gale (vs. 4-5)

Homily: "Faith the Size of a Mustard Seed"

Affirmation of Faith: (Apostles Creed p. 189)

Prayers of the People (Led by Kathleen Bell)

Blessing of Pets

Confession and Absolution p. 191

The Peace p. 192

Offertory Hymn: #415 All Things Bright and Beautiful

Prayer over the Gifts: Gracious God, we offer these gifts to you in thanksgiving for the beauty of your creation and the blessings of all living creatures. As we bring our offerings before you, help us to be good stewards of your gifts, caring for the earth and all its inhabitants. May these offerings be used to bring healing, hope, and compassion to a world in need, reflecting the love of Christ in all that we do. We ask this in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

The Celebration of the Eucharist (Eucharistic Prayer #4, p. 201)

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

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

Agnes Dei (sung) *O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us... Grant us Thy peace.*

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: Almighty and ever-living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. We thank you for the example of St. Francis, who showed us the beauty of creation and the depth of your love for

all living things. Grant that we may go forth from this table in peace and in the spirit of love, caring for your creation and all its creatures as faithful stewards of your gifts. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. **Amen**

Doxology: (sung) Praise God through whom all blessings flow! Praise him all creatures here below. Praise him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: # 359 This is the Day

The Dismissal p. 215

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

Announcements:

- Outreach Focus for October is MARS Wildlife Outreach
- No Fellowship Luncheon this month.
- Thanksgiving Harvest Display. Drop off fruits/vegi donations on Saturday, October 11, 10-11am, thru the church doors (Harmston).
- Guess Who's Coming to Dinner: \$50, avail dates 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
- The G.I.G. Tuesdays, 3:30pm, ZOOM
- 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 you think dogs can't count, try putting three dog biscuits in your pocket and then give him only two of them."
-Unknown

*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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