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Holy Communion
Sunday October 26th, 2025
Feast of Dedication



***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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"My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations."-Isa 56.7

Processional Hymn: # 300 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Welcome & Acknowledgment of Land

Call to Worship:

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you**

Collect: Almighty God, watchful and caring, our source and our end, all that we are and all that we have are yours. Accept us now, as we give thanks to you for this place where we have come to praise your name, to ask your forgiveness, to know your healing power, to hear your word, and to be nourished by the body and blood of your Son. Be present always to guide and to judge, to illumine and to bless your people. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

At the Font (p.669)

At the Lectern (p. 670)

The Proclamation of the Word (Led by Patrick Warden)

First Reading: Gen 28:10-17

PS 122 **R: Peace be within your walls and quietness within your towers**

Second Reading: Rev 21:1-4, 22—22:5

Gradual Hymn: # 303 Unto thy Temple, Lord we Come (vs. 1-2)

The Gospel: Mt 21:12-16

Gradual Hymn: # 303 Unto thy Temple, Lord we Come (vs. 3-4)

Homily: "Strength to Follow"

Prayers of the People (Led by Timothy Ray)

For the Church universal, of which these buildings are a visible symbol,

We thank you, Lord.

For your presence whenever two or three have gathered in your name,

We thank you, Lord.

For this place where we may be still and know that you are God,

We thank you, Lord.

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,

We thank you, Lord.

For our past and a vision of the future that lies ahead, **We thank you, Lord.**

For the gift of the Holy Spirit and new life in baptism, **We thank you, Lord.**

For the pardon of our sins when we have fallen short of your glory,

We thank you, Lord.

For the holy eucharist in which we have a foretaste of your eternal kingdom,

We thank you, Lord.

For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years with your goodness,

We thank you, Lord.

For the faith of those who have gone before us and for our encouragement by their perseverance, **We thank you, Lord.**

For all the benefactors of this place who have died in the peace of Christ and are at rest, **We thank you, Lord.**

For the fellowship of all your saints, and especially for John the Divine, our patron, **We thank you, Lord.**

O God, from living and chosen stones you prepare an everlasting dwelling place for your majesty. Grant that in the power of the Holy Spirit those who serve you here may always be kept within your presence. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. **Amen**

(The service continues with the Peace and the Preparation of the Gifts p. 192)

Offertory Hymn: # 375 At the Name of Jesus

Prayer over the Gifts: Prayer over the Gifts Father, hear the prayers of your faithful people. Grant that all who celebrate this eucharist may please you by the offering of themselves and the fulfilling of your will. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharist prayer # 3 p.198 (preface p. 673)

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

The Breaking of the Bread (prayer # 2) 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*) MV 154 Deep in our Hearts
Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

Deep in our hearts there is a common purpose;
Deep in our hearts there is a common goal;
Deep in our hearts there is a sacred message,
justice and peace in harmony.

Deep in our hearts there is a common longing;
Deep in our hearts there is a common theme;
Deep in our hearts there is a common current,
flowing to freedom like a stream.

Deep in our hearts there is a common vision;
Deep in our hearts there is a common song;
Deep in our hearts there is a common story,
telling Creation that we are one.

Prayer after Communion: Father, you have given us this time of joy and have nourished us in heavenly things. Grant that we may show in our lives the love of Christ who is our God and Saviour. Amen

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: # 460 Lord the Light of Your Love is Shining

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
- Men's Coffee, TOMORROW, 8am, hall
- CONCERT, Saturday, November 1, Serenades & Lullabies, 3pm, \$20
- St. Andrew's Cemetery Cleanup, Saturday, November 8, 9am-noon
- 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
- Blessing Boutique: Mondays, 9am-1pm, hall, need men's/women's clothing
- DONATIONS NEEDED Blessing Box, non-perishable food items

SJTD SUNDAY QUOTE:

“Colonialism is not just domination of peoples. It is, of course, the extraction of resources from the colonies to the metropolitan center ... we live in ... this new form, that is called neocolonialism or the neoliberal economy.”

-Kwok Pui-lan

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:

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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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