

ST. JOHN THE DIVINE ANGLICAN CHURCH

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Holy Communion
Sunday November 16th, 2025
Pentecost 23



Gilakas'la & Huy'ch'qa!
Wherever you are on your spiritual journey,
you are welcome at St. John the Divine.
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*Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.
-Luke 21.28*

Processional Hymn: #350 Stand up and Bless the Lord

Welcome & Acknowledgment of Land

Call to Worship:

O Lord our God... **you suffer with us and for us; let us draw near to you in our weakness, that we may know your strength in love. Amen** (St. Anselm of Canterbury, 11th Century)

(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 sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world. Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him 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 Dr. Joyce Bainbridge)

First Reading: ISAIAH 65:17-25

ISAIAH 12 (CANTICLE) R: **You shall draw water with rejoicing.**

Second Reading: 2 THESSALONIANS 3:6-13

Gradual Hymn: #345 King of Glory (vs. 1&2)

The Gospel: LUKE 21:5-19

Gradual Hymn: #345 King of Glory (vs. 3)

Homily:

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

Prayers of the People (Led by Patrick Warden)

Confession and Absolution p. 191

The Peace: p. 192

Offertory Hymn: #435 Take My Life and Let it Be

Prayer over the Gifts: Holy God, in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant. Help us, through our offering this day, to renounce all things that draw us from your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharist prayer # 1 p. 193 (*stand, sit or kneel*)

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*) #61 As we Gather at Your Table

Prayer after Communion: Gracious God, in this sacrament we have shared the body and blood of Christ. May we who have been nourished by holy things bear witness to his light, and share in his eternal priesthood; for he is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen**

Doxology: p.214

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: #565 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

The Dismissal p. 215

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

Announcements:

- November Outreach Focus: The Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples
- TODAY Restaurantours 12:30pm Whistle Stop Pub
- TODAY Celtic Evening Prayer, 4pm, church
- THIS TUESDAY, Garden Appreciation Club will be making Christmas decoration, everyone welcome to join, 2pm, hall
- Cursillo, Hosted by St Philip, 1797 Cedar Road, Nanaimo, Sat. Nov. 22, 11:00am to 3:00pm, soup & bun lunch included OR Join Zoom Meeting <https://bc-anglican-ca.zoom.us/j/6053085721> Meeting ID: 605 308 5721 (no password required)
- St. John's Fall Cleanup before Advent, Saturday November 29 9am-noon, 2 work parties required. One to cleanup up church yard and one inside to clean church. Contact Cary if you are coming.
- Call for Bakers: Holly Tea & Bake Sale, Saturday December 6, 2-4pm, hall
- 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:

"God does not control everything in advance; instead, God enters into the risks and vulnerability of the world that God has created. On the cross, the true nature of divine power is revealed: not coercion but suffering love." -William C. Placher

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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