

# ST. JOHN THE DIVINE ANGLICAN CHURCH

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Holy Communion  
Sunday December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2025  
Advent 2 (Peace)



*We are a church in the Anglican Diocese of Islands and Inlets,  
following Christ with renewed hearts, renewed spirits,  
and as a renewed people*



*Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight. All flesh shall see the salvation of God -Luke 3:4,6*

Processional Hymn: #108 Hark a Herald Voice is Sounding

## **Welcome & Acknowledgment of Land**

Advent Candle Lighting - PEACE

Peace shines as a solitary star.

Faith is the inner light.

You and I together mirror the Light of lights

And illumine the pathway home.

*(We prepare our hearts for worship in silence)*

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

Kyrie Eleison p. 186

Collect: Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah, inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth, to turn our disobedient hearts to you, that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge, we may stand with confidence before his glory; 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 Patrick Warden)

First Reading: ISAIAH 11:1-10

PSALM 72 **R: In his time shall peace and justice flourish.**

Second Reading: ROMANS 15:4-13

Gradual Hymn: #106 There's a Voice in the Wilderness (vs. 1-2)

The Gospel: MATTHEW 3:1-12

Gradual Hymn: #106 There's a Voice in the Wilderness (vs. 3-4)

Homily: "Isaiah Prophet of Peace"

Affirmation of Faith: The Nicene Creed p. 188 *(please stand as able)*

Prayers of the People (Led by Rev. Marion)

Confession and Absolution p. 191

The Peace: p. 192

Offertory Hymn: #594 Judge Eternal Throned in Splendour

Prayer over the Gifts: God our strength, we are nothing without you. Receive all we offer you this day as you sustain us with your mercy; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharist prayer #3 p.198 (preface p. 223)

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

p. 211 (*please stand as able*)

The Breaking of the Bread (prayer # 5) 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*) #487 Where Charity and Love Prevail

Prayer after Communion: Faithful God, we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet. Help us always to hear the prophet's call to turn our hearts to you; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **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: # MV28. God of the Bible

1. God of the Bible, God in the Gospel,  
hope seen in Jesus, hope yet to come,  
you are our centre, daylight or darkness,  
freedom or prison, you are our home.

Refrain: (*repeat 2 times*)

Fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise,  
God always faithful, you do not change.

2. God in our struggles, God in our hunger,  
suffering with us, taking our part,  
still you empow'r us, mothering Spirit,  
feeding, sustaining, from your own heart. R

3. Those without status, those who are nothing,  
you have made royal, gifted with rights,  
chosen as partners, midwives of justice,  
birthing new systems, lighting new lights. R

4. Not by your finger, not by your anger  
will our world order change in a day,  
but by your people, fearless and faithful,  
small paper lanterns, lighting the way. R

5. Hope we must carry, shining and certain  
through all our turmoil, terror and loss,  
bonding us gladly one to the other,  
till our world changes facing the Cross. R

The Dismissal p. 215

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

### SJTD SUNDAY QUOTE:

“Because the Bible is a theological book, it is a book of wrestlings, not a book of answers. In each age the people have to struggle to hear the word of the Lord for their time...”

-Verna Dozier

### Announcements:

- December Outreach Focus: Alongside Hope (PWRDF)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Bishop's Dinner, Laurel Point Inn, January 27, 2026, 5:30-9:30pm.  
Tickets: \$200 individual | \$1500 for a table of 8
- NEW GROUP MEETING IN JANUARY: Naughty Knots: starts Tues. Jan 6, 1pm in the hall. crafts & fellowship. Bring your favorite project to work on.
- 2026 Canadian Church Calendar (Anglican 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary edition) \$15
- Coats, Blankets, Long-johns Drive for Dec, Jan & Feb. drop off Mon-Thurs 9am-noon.
- 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



### Christmas Services

Dec 21 - Blue Christmas w/Threshold Choir  
& Celtic Labyrinth, 4pm

Dec 24 - Christmas Eve - Lessons & Carols,  
4pm

Christmas Eve - Midnight Mass  
11pm

Dec 25 - Christmas Day Holy Communion,  
11am