

ST. JOHN THE DIVINE ANGLICAN CHURCH

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Holy Communion
Thursday December 25th, 2025
Christmas Day



***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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I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord.. -Luke 2.10-11

Processional Hymn:

Welcome & Acknowledgment of Land

Call to Worship: Christmas means that God has become human;
In order that humans might live before God without fear. God does not come as a hero, or as a judge, but as a child. In this child God says Yes to humanity, Yes to the world, Yes even to its darkness. Amen (Karl Barth)

(We prepare our hearts for worship in silence)

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

Gloria p.186

Kyrie Eleison p. 186

Collect: Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature. May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ, who humbled himself to share our humanity, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word (Led by The Hon.Timothy Ray)

First Reading: ISAIAH 52:7-10

Psalms 98 **R: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

Second Reading: HEBREWS 1:1-4

Gradual Hymn:

The Gospel: JOHN 1:1-14

Gradual Hymn:

Homily: "Long Ago God Spoke"

Affirmation of Faith (Iona Community): **We believe, O God of all life, that you are the origin of all things and the end of all things. We believe, O Christ of humanity, that you speak the Word of God made flesh. We believe, O Spirit of grace, that you kindle the fire of love in our souls. One God in three, Three in One, shaping us now and always. Amen**

Prayers of the People (Led by Nancy Booth)

Confession and Absolution p. 191

The Peace: p. 192

Offertory Hymn:

Prayer over the Gifts: God of peace, your Son Jesus Christ has reconciled us to you. May all we offer you today renew us as members of your household. We ask this in his name. **Amen**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharist prayer #3 p.198 (preface p. 219)

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

The Breaking of the Bread (prayer # 6) p. 213

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: Father of all, the child born for us is the Saviour of the world. May he who made us your children welcome us into your kingdom, where he is alive and reigns with you now and for ever. **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:

The Dismissal p. 215

Announcements:

- December Outreach Focus: Alongside Hope (PWRDF)
- Blessing Boutique closed Dec 29th
- No Chair Yoga, Dec 31
- Office closed Dec 25-Jan 5
- Bishop's Dinner, Jan 27, 5:30-9:30pm, Tickets: \$200, Laurel Point Inn, Victoria
- Donations - Winter Coats/Blankets, drop off the hall Mon-Thurs, 9am-noon.
- Blessing Boutique: Mondays, 9am-1pm, hall, need men's/women's clothing
- DONATIONS NEEDED Blessing Box, non-perishable food items