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Holy Communion
Sunday January 11th, 2026
The Baptism of the Lord



*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 voice came from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased." -Matthew 3.17

Processional Hymn: #162 Sing of God made Manifest

Welcome & Acknowledgment of Land

Call to Worship: God is our true refreshment: **As water quenches thirst, so God's love satisfies the soul. For we are so preciously loved by God that we cannot even comprehend it."**

Amen (Julian of Norwich)

(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: Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus revealed him to be your Son, anointing him with the Holy Spirit, keep your children, born of water and the Spirit, faithful to their calling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word (*Led by Karen Erickson*)

First Reading: ISAIAH 42:1-9

PS 29 **R: The Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

Second Reading: ACTS 10:34-43

Gradual Hymn: #45 Down Galilee's slow Roadways (vs. 1-2)

The Gospel: MATTHEW 3:13-17

Gradual Hymn: #45 Down Galilee's slow Roadways (vs. 3)

Homily: "Waters of Baptism: A Look at the Didache"

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 Patrick Warden*)

Confession and Absolution p. 191

The Peace: p. 192

Offertory Hymn: #628 O Love how Deep How Broad

Prayer over the Gifts: God of life and freedom, we celebrate the revelation of Jesus as the Christ who makes all creation new. Accept all we offer you this day and make us new in him, who is Lord for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharist prayer #3 p.198

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*) #649 Breath on me Breath of God

Prayer after Communion: Gracious God, lover of all, by this sacrament you make us one family in Christ your Son, one in the sharing of his body and blood, one in the communion of his Spirit. Help us to grow in love for one another and come to the full maturity of the Body of Christ. We ask this in his name. **Amen**

Doxology: **Glory to God whose power working in us can do infinitely more than we could ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church, and in Christ Jesus. Amen**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: MV #3 River

River, rush-a-down to the ocean blue;
river from a mountain high.
River, as you do what rivers do;
river draw the Spirit nigh.

Spirit, come-a-down to the riverside;
Spirit, spark of wondrous thought.
Spirit, I am free for you to guide;
Spirit, pray that I be taught!

Water, let me drink of your healing power;
water strength of life you give.

Water, as I travel with each hour;
water, help my body live.

River, flow-a-down where you ran before;
river, source of clearer view.

River, as I walk your rock shore;
river, see my journey through.

The Dismissal p. 215

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

Announcements:

- January Outreach Focus is 4R's Education
- Bible study 3:30pm Tuesdays over Zoom. Please contact Rev. Alastair for the Zoom link.
- Naughty Knots: Next meeting Jan. 13th, 1-3pm in the hall. Will be meeting twice a month (2nd & 4th Tuesday. Join us for crafts & fellowship. Bring your favorite project to work on. Contact Andrea Davis for more info.
- Celtic Evening Prayer, Sunday, Jan. 18, 4pm, church
- Garden Club meeting, Tues. Jan. 20, 2pm, hall
- Men's Breakfast meeting, Mon. Jan 26, 8am, Early Bird Café.
- Bishop's Dinner, Jan 27, 5:30-9:30pm, Tickets: \$200, Laurel Point Inn, Victoria
- Donations - Winter Coats/Blankets, drop off in 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

SJD Sunday Quote:

“Ko au te awa, ko te awa ko au.

(I am the river, and the river is me).”

- Ngā Potiki, Maori Teachings