

ST. JOHN THE DIVINE ANGLICAN CHURCH

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Holy Communion
Sunday January 8th, 2026
2nd Sunday after Epiphany



*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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The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us. To all who receive him, he gave power to become children of God. -See John 1

Processional Hymn: #385 Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness

Welcome & Acknowledgment of Land

Call to Worship:

God of life, open our eyes;

To see ourselves as you see us. Give us courage to live fully as your people, bearing your image in the world. Amen

(Mercy Amba Oduyoye)

(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, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world. May your people, illumined by your word and sacraments, shine with the radiance of his glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word (Led by Lynn Gray)

First Reading: ISAIAH 49:1-7

PSALM 40:1-12 **R: Behold, I come to do your will, O God.**

Second Reading: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:1-9

Gradual Hymn: #437 Jesus Come, For We Invite You (vs. 1-2)

The Gospel: JOHN 1:29-42

Gradual Hymn: #437 Jesus Come, For We Invite You (vs. 3-4)

Homily: “Come & See: A Gospel Reflection”

The Nicene Creed p.188

Prayers of the People (Led by Kathleen Bell)

Confession and Absolution p. 191

The Peace: p. 192

Offertory Hymn: #508 I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say

Prayer over the Gifts: Living God, you have revealed your Son as the Messiah. May we hear his word and follow it, and live as children of light. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharist prayer #5 p.204 (glory refrain omitted)

The Lord's Prayer (sung to the tune of “Hallelujah” see handout)

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

The Communion (*all are welcome to receive communion, or a blessing at the altar*)

Communion Hymn: (*parish remains seated*) MV 98 Like A River of Tears

Like a river of tears your love pours upon us;
like a sunshine of blessing your grace will sustain us;
like a star-studded sky your spirit shines o'er us,
renewing our spirits with courage and faith.

Like a bird in free flight by windows around us;
like a wind in the forest that breathes life among us;
like a phoenix that's rising from ashes around us,
renewing our spirits with vision and grace.

Like a pillar of cloud you promise to guide us;
like a bright fiery bush you come to speak to us;
like a calm cooling breeze your spirit breathes in us,
renewing our spirits with loving embrace.

Like a lover's caress your spirit revives us;
like a song of the soul you come to be with us;
like a prayer of the heart you heal and restore us,
renewing our spirits, the future to face.

Prayer after Communion: God of glory, you nourish us with bread from heaven. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, that through us your light may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. **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: #619 Fairest Lord Jesus

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
- 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:

“The gospel calls us not only to personal conversion but to a new way of living in the world.” - Samuel Escobar
(Peruvian Theologian)

Notes about the Service:

- Hymns are found in the Common Praise (blue hymn book in the pews); if the lyrics not printed in bulletin.
- Our liturgy (prayers) are mostly taken from the Book of Alternative Service (BAS- green book in pews) To follow along with the service, refer to page numbers OR for simplified version see small blue booklet (The Holy Eucharist) beginning on page 3.
- All are welcome to take communion (we practice an open table)
- Children's area is at the back of the church. We welcome the sound of children in this space.
- If you have any questions about the service, the greeters would be happy to help.