

# ST. JOHN THE DIVINE ANGLICAN CHURCH

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Holy Eucharist  
Sunday April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026  
**Easter 1**



***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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“Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe.” -John 20.29

Processional Hymn:

**Welcome & Acknowledgment of Land**

Call to Worship:

Above all, trust in the slow work of God;

**The resurrection is not a single moment but a new creation unfolding.**

Let us allow ourselves to grow, to be transformed, and to participate in the light of Christ;

**God’s hand is leading us into life we cannot yet fully see. Amen.**

(Pierre Teilhard de Chardin)

*(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 and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, 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: ACTS 2:14A, 22-32

PSALM 16            **R: God will not abandon me to the grave**

Second Reading: 1 PETER 1:3-9

Gradual Hymn:

The Gospel: JOHN 20:19-31

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Homily: “Faith, Peace, and the Risen Christ”

The Apostles' Creed p.189

Prayers of the People (Led by Nancy Booth)

The Peace:

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,  
“Peace be with you.”:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn:

Prayer over the Gifts: God of grace, you have freed us from our sins and made us a kingdom in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in the new life you have given us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharist prayer #1, p.193

The Lord's Prayer p. 211 (sung)

The Breaking of the Bread (prayer # 2) p. 212

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

Communion Hymn: (*parish remains seated*)

Prayer after Communion: Father, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ the risen Lord. **Amen**

Doxology (*please stand as able*): **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: #

The Dismissal p. 215

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

## **Announcements:**

- April Outreach Focus: Senior Support North Vancouver Island <https://ssnvi.ca/comox-valley-senior-programs/>
- New Parishioners please complete Parishioner Information form (*ask greeters*)
- Tuesday Zoom bible study with Rev. Alastair at 3:30pm. Please contact Rev. A for the zoom link & outline.
- No Chair yoga this Tuesday only
- Indigenous morning prayer, 8am, Sunday, April 12
- Garden Appreciation Club meeting, Tues. April 21, 2pm
- ATTN GARDENERS, Annual Plant Sale, Sat. May 9, looking for donations of plants, garden related items for our sale. see Joan James for more information.
- Chair Yoga, Tues & Wed, 11:30am – noon, hall \$5
- Blessing Boutique: Mondays, 9am-1pm, hall, need men's/women's clothing
- DONATIONS NEEDED Blessing Box, non-perishable food items

## **SJTD SUNDAY QUOTE:**

*“Faith is not about seeing, but about trusting the reality of God’s love even when it is hidden; it is living as if God’s promises are already true in the world.” – Sally McFague*

### **Notes about the Service:**

- Offering plate at the greeters table in the Narthex. (Red Hat offerings for monthly outreach focus)
- 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.