

# ST. JOHN THE DIVINE ANGLICAN CHURCH

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Holy Communion  
Sunday August 23<sup>rd</sup> 2026  
Worship in the Yard (West Coast Liturgy)



***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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## Welcome & Acknowledgment of Land

### Opening 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. (x2)*

In this time and place We gather on the ancestral territories of Kwakwaka'wakw, Nuu-chah-nulth and Coast Salish peoples.

**From many places and peoples we come to this house in prayer.**

In this time and place We gather in the name of the living God.

**We meet in the presence of Jesus Christ, risen and alive.**

In this time and place We gather with the community of faith around the globe and across the ages

**In this time and place heaven and earth are one.**

In this time and place We are not alone, but one in Christ. Knit together in the unity of the Spirit. In this time and place Hallowed, expectant, one people in God.

**In the name of the Holy and Blessed One, Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Collect: Almighty God, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; 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

First Reading: EXODUS 1:8-2:10

PSALM 12 **Refrain:** I rejoice in God's glory

Gospel Hymn: *Spirit, come-a-down to the river side, Spirit, spark of wondrous thought. Spirit, I am free for you to guide, Spirit, pray that I be taught! (x2)*

The Gospel: MATTHEW 16:13-20

### Homily:

### Prayers of the People

Prayer for Renewal Gracious God, as people called to be your presence in the world, we search our hearts, and ask your forgiveness: (silence follows)

**For opportunities not taken, for care not given, forgive us we pray.**

**For sorrow not shared, for joy not celebrated, forgive us we pray.**

**For love not offered, forgiveness not extended, forgive us we pray.**

**For those failings we cannot speak aloud, forgive us we pray.**

**Gracious God we seek your healing grace, and ask forgiveness in the name of Jesus. Amen**

Words of Assurance **No matter where we are, God is there. No matter what we have done, God forgives. No matter our reluctance to accept**

**God, God has accepted us. With that assurance, receive forgiveness, and live in fullness and in hope. Amen**

The Peace:

Prayer over the Gifts: God of glory, receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love, and increase in us that true and perfect gift. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### **THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED**

God is here: **The Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts and minds. **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks to God the Creator. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

Great Creator, with wit and wisdom you formed the universe. In expectation, your Spirit brooded over all: the midwife of transformation. At your Word, the skies, the seas, the lands and all life came to be. In you, all created things shared life with one another. In ceremony and song, dance and art, these relationships were portrayed and honoured by the first peoples of these Islands and Inlets. The plants, the cedars, the creatures of forest, sea and air revealed your wonder and majesty. When we turned from you, connections were broken and creation suffered. Still, you continued to bring light from night, freedom from slavery, and life from death. Therefore, together with our ancestors in faith and with your beloved creation we say:

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord. God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise you, Source of all, for the living Word: Jesus. Born in poverty; a child refugee, a worker with his hands. He gathered disciples and taught and healed the people. He freely shared our sorrow, joy, and pain. In vulnerability, he showed power over sin and triumphed over death. On the night before Jesus died, he feasted with his companions. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them saying,

“Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you, do this to remember me.”

After supper he took the cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to his companions saying, 10 “Drink this, all of you; this is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and the world for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me Entering into the mystery of faith we call:

**Come Source of life. Come, transforming Word. Come, Creator Spirit.**

With his sacred presence unbounded by space and time, we offer to you this bread and cup. Send your Breath of Life, like wind, blowing where it will, north, east, south and west. May your Spirit brood over these gifts and all who feast at this table offering a foretaste of the eternal feast to come. May all who share your abundant gifts be incorporated as one body and one holy

people, joined in the offering of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection for the reconciliation of all things. Reveal the unity of your Church and the mystery of our communion with our holy forebears and those yet to be born, that we may be guided in faith and walk gently on the earth. Glory and honour to you Triune God, dynamic of love, complete and perfect unity, now, and in all ages. **Amen**

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Recalling Christ's death and resurrection, we ask you to accept this, our sacrifice of praise. Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son. Unite us in Christ and give us your peace that we might be strengthened to do your work as your body in the world. Through Christ our Redeemer, in the power of the Spirit, all praise and glory be yours, Creator God, now and for ever. **Amen**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Fractal Prayer: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ...  
**we being many are one body, because we all share in the one bread**

### **The Communion**

Communion Hymn: *Water let me drink of your healing power, Water, strength and life you give. Water, as I travel with each hour, Water, help my body live. (x2)*

Prayer after Communion: Living God, increase in us the healing power of your love. Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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

### **The Blessing & Dismissal**

Closing Hymn: *River, flow-a-down where you ran before, River, source of clearer view. River, as I walk your rocky shore, River, see my journey through. (x 2)*

*All are welcome to join us for a barbeque in the yard  
after the service.*