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Celebration of Holy Communion
Sunday November 29th, 2026
Advent 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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"Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." -Luke 21:28

Processional Hymn**:**

Welcome & Acknowledgment of Land

Call to Worship

O Breathing Life, your Name shines everywhere! Release a space to plant your Presence here. Imagine your possibilities now.

Embody your desire in every light and form. Grow through us this moment's bread and wisdom. Untie the knots of failure binding us, as we release the strands we hold of others' faults. Help us not forget our Source, Yet free us from not being in the Present. **From you arises every Vision, Power and Song from gathering to gathering.**
Amen -Mark Berry

(*We prepare our hearts for worship in silence*)

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

Glory to God p. 186

Kyrie Eleison p. 186

Collect: Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives 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: ISAIAH 64:1-9

PS 80 **R: Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved**

Second Reading: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:3-9

Gradual Hymn:

The Gospel: MARK 13:24-37

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Homily: "Bring in the Candles"

Affirmation of Faith: Apostles Creed p. 189 (*please stand as able)*

Prayers of the People (led by Rev. Alastair)

Confession and Absolution p. 191

The Peace: p. 192

Offertory Hymn:

Prayer over the Gifts: God of love and power, your word stirs within us the expectation of the coming of your Son. Accept all we offer you this day, and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Celebration of the Eucharist

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharist prayer # 3 p.198

The Lord's Prayer (sung) p. 211

The Breaking of the Bread (prayer # 5) p. 212

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: God for whom we wait, you have fed us with the bread of eternal life. Keep us ever watchful, that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man. We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord. **Amen**

Doxology (please stand): **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 for fellowship in the hall after the service.

Announcements

- November Outreach Focus is Comox Valley Hospice Society.
- Holly Tea & Bake Sale, Saturday, December 5, 2-4pm, Baking & volunteers needed
- Chair Yoga, Tuesdays & Wednesdays, 11:30am-12:15pm, hall, $5
- Blessing Boutique: Mondays, 9am-1pm, hall,
- DONATIONS NEEDED Blessing Box, non-perishable food items

SJTD Sunday Quote:

"Hope, however, does not consist in crossing one's arms and

waiting. As long as I fight, I am moved by hope; and if I fight with hope, then I can wait." -Paulo Freire, Pedagogy of the Oppressed

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.