



ST. JOHN'S RICHMOND

MAY 24, 2026
THE DAY OF PENTECOST

(Evening Prayer Service, based on 1962 Book of Common Prayer)

WELCOME!

Dear Friends: Some of our youth were at the All-In retreat on Anvil Island last weekend, together with our sister churches St. John's Vancouver and King's Cross. What a joy to see the community of believers—100 in all—gather for teaching, worship, and reflection on God's Word, surrounded by His beautiful creation! The theme was 'Forgiven Much, Loves Much'. Chris Ley taught from Luke 7, contrasting the woman—a "sinner" of low status—against Simon the religious leader, whose invitation to Jesus was really a front for public humiliation. Heartbroken at how Jesus was being disrespected, the woman breaks open her expensive jar of perfume to clean Jesus' feet—doing that which Simon would not do, with all that she had, in a brave act of love. The youth were asked: Are we more like the woman, whose realization of her need for forgiveness brings her closer to God and transforms her identity? Or are we like Simon, who is so blinded by his moral uprightness that he comes out just as far from God as where he started? Thank you for praying for the youth as they engaged with these questions of faith over the past weekend! They come back to continue catechesis until the end of June, in preparation for baptism/confirmation. Please continue to pray for growth in their faith and a deepening of their relationship with Christ, particularly those who will be baptised/confirmed!

Warmly, *Genesis & William*

TODAY'S SERVICE DETAILS

Lyrics and liturgy are on-screen & online.



BIBLE READINGS: Amanda Yu

Joel 2:28-32

Veni, Creator Spiritus (Book of Common Prayer)

Acts 2:1-21

CHILDREN (K-grade 6) begin in the service. After the Children's Focus, their class will meet upstairs for approximately one hour. On Communion Sundays, they will rejoin the adult service in time to receive Holy Communion.

YOUTH (grades 7-12) typically meet each Sunday, except for the first Sunday of the month, when they remain for the whole Holy Communion service.

PRAYERS: Ed Matalas

NOTICES

SJR Lectures Series: Our next monthly lecture will be held Thurs. June 18th, 6pm.

Midweek small group Bible Studies: Speak to Chris Wright or Ven. Sean if you want to join a group. Many at SJR have found this mid-week connection and encouragement indispensable.

Wednesday Morning Prayer - simplified - continues each week, 8:30am-9am on Zoom.

Have a prayer request? Reach out to Chris at contact@stjohnsrichmond.com and this will be included in our prayers.

OFFERING

We are very grateful for the financial support we receive from our church family! Please use the offering plate or give online, using the code. If you are visiting SJR, please simply be our guest.



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WELCOME & OPENING SENTENCES

OPENING HYMN *(All lyrics will be screen-shared)*

CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

EXHORTATION

Dearly beloved, the Scriptures teach us to acknowledge our many sins and offenses, not concealing them from our heavenly Father, but confessing them with humble and obedient hearts that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy. We ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before Almighty God, but especially when we come together in his presence to give thanks for the great benefits we have received at his hands, to declare his most worthy praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things which are necessary for our life and our salvation. Therefore, draw near with me to the throne of heavenly grace.

CONFESSION

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.

But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare them, O God, who confess their faults. Restore them who are penitent, according to your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION *(said by the Leader)*

Lord, we beseech you, mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto you; that they, whose consciences by sin are accused, by your merciful pardon may be absolved; through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

RESPONDING WITH PRAISE *(Sung)*

O Lord, open thou our lips;

And our mouth shall show forth Thy praise

O God, make speed to save us;

O Lord, make haste to help us.

(Standing)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen.

Praise ye the Lord!

The Lord's name be praised!

SONGS

FIRST BIBLE READING *(Bible Readings are found on Page 1)*

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER WITH THE CHILDREN

PSALM OR CANTICLE *(found on Page 1)*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

SECOND BIBLE READING

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SONG

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, dead, and buried:
He descended into hell;
The third day he rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
And sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit;
The holy Catholic Church;
The Communion of Saints;
The Forgiveness of sins;
The Resurrection of the body,
And the Life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed is a historic profession of faith in the faithfulness of God, and locates us in a community of faith stretching back to the early Church. It is a theological summary of apostolic doctrine, originating before the 4th century and ratified by the 7th.

SERMON

OFFERING SONG and PRAYER

Blessed are you, O Lord, for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All things come from you, and of your own have we given you.

The Lord be with you;

And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us.**

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever, Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY & any additional **COLLECTS** (*all Collects will be screen-shared*)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYERS

NUNC DIMITTIS (*Latin, from the first words of the Song of Simeon, Luke 2:29*)

Lord, now let your servant depart in peace, according to your word.

For my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles, and to be the glory of your people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

NOTICES

CLOSING HYMN

BENEDICTION

The Lord Almighty grant us a quiet night, and at the last a perfect end; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with us this night and forevermore. **Amen.**

Setting: The Disciples, The City, The Festival

What They Heard

What They Saw

What They Said

What Peter Preached

What The Spirit is Doing