ST. JOHN'S RICHMOND

NOVEMBER 8, 2026
THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
(Evening Prayer Service, based on 1962 Book of Common Prayer)

WELCOME!

Dear Friends: Have you ever thought about the gifts God has given you, and how they are to be used? Our sermon text is very clear that each one of us has received a gift. And then St. Peter says, "use it to serve one another…". The Bible lists many diverse gifts, from administration to encouragement, healing to prophecy, generosity to meeting practical needs. We serve because that's what Jesus did. In Mark 10:45, Jesus says, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve." Peter tells us that God's grace is poured into his church through the particular gifts God gives people. We serve because it glorifies him. We serve because it announces to others that God is worth serving.

Now you might say – "I don't really have much to offer!" Remember 1 Corinthians 12:17: "If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be?" Paul reminds us that the body of Christ depends on diversity. If we think our gifts aren't that great, we are second-guessing the way God has distributed his gifts in the body of Christ. And so at SJR, we desire to help you clarify and then use your particular gifts to serve the body. God, through his Holy Spirit, has already prepared good works for us to do, and will give us great joy as we serve him in the church.

Warmly, *Sean*

TODAY'S SERVICE DETAILS

Lyrics and liturgy are on-screen & online.

BIBLE READINGS: Adesanwo family

Ephesians 4:17-32

Psalm 16

1 Peter 4:1-11

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) meet each Sunday, except for the first Sunday of the month, when they remain for the whole Holy Communion service.

PRAYERS: Chris Wright

NOTICES

Artizo Meet The Apprentices Evening: Mon. Nov. 9th at UBC Golf Course. Come and find out more about Artizo, and why training in gospel ministry is making an impact, in God's mercy, to the church in Canada. Register with the link in the SJR emails; if anyone would like to carpool to UBC on Monday evening, please contact Ven. Sean.

SJR Advent Choir: All who love singing are warmly invited to join the SJR Choir as we prepare to sing in our Lessons & Carols service on Dec. 20th! An SJR email with optional & required rehearsal dates has been sent out; there are also physical copies at the Welcome Table. Please speak with Rosanna or Krista.

Autumn Sermon Series: 1 Peter: 'Life Away from Home' continues until Advent. Community Groups discuss the sermon series; information and study questions are available on our website.

Community Groups: Information can be found on our website. Please speak with Chris Wright or Ven. Sean Love for more info on joining a group.

Conversations In the Nave: Join us each Sunday this autumn for a post-service discussion of the sermon topic, beginning at 8pm.

Coffee Fellowship Time: Please stay after the service and enjoy food, drink and conversation!

Coffee Ministry service team: Help is needed to serve with Coffee Ministry, as well as coordinate.

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.

NEW TO ANGLICANISM?

Find out more by picking up a brochure on the welcome table or by using the code.

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.

A DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS OF SIN *(said by the Minister)*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness, and live, has empowered and commanded his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins.

He pardons and absolves all who truly repent and genuinely believe his holy Gospel. Therefore let us ask God to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that what we do now may please him, and that the rest of our lives may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus 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

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.

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.

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

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of your servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that, among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by your most gracious and ready help; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.**

SERMON NOTES 1 Peter 4:1-11 Living and Loving God's Way The Venerable Sean Love

The End of All Things

There is an end

The end is near

Living for the Will of God

Following Jesus' Mindset

Reckless hedonistic self-indulgence is no way to live

When you are slandered and shamed, Justice and Fullness of Life will come

Loving for the Glory of God

Love one another earnestly in your Church Home

Contrast: Two Ways to Live