

Order of Service for July 16, 2020

Acknowledgement:

Before our prayer begins we acknowledge that we are living in the traditional territories of the Lekwungen peoples.

+ In the name of the Source of All Love, and of the Beloved who reveals the face of love, and of the Holy Spirit who binds us in love. Amen

Opening Prayer:

Lord of love, beauty and truth
We know you are always with us and within us
Help our limited senses to be aware of your care for us.
You invite us to bring our burdens to you
So that you can give us rest and a peace that goes beyond our intellectual understanding.
We thank you for this surpassing grace
Amen

Psalm 27

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?
⁴ One thing I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD,
and to inquire in his temple.
⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.
⁶ Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.
⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!
⁸ "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!"
Your face, LORD, do I seek.
⁹ Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!
¹⁰ If my father and mother forsake me,
the LORD will take me up.
¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD,
and lead me on a level path.
¹³ I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living.
¹⁴ Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!

Psalm Response

One thing I ask of the Lord,
this is what I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life;
to behold the beauty of the Lord
and to seek Him in His temple.
Call: Who is it that you seek?
Response: We seek the Lord our God.
Call: Do you seek Him with all your heart?
Response: Amen. Lord, have mercy.
Call: Do you seek Him with all your soul?
Response: Amen. Lord, have mercy.
Call: Do you seek Him with all your mind?
Response: Amen. Lord, have mercy.
Call: Do you seek Him with all your strength?
Response: Amen. Christ, have mercy.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 11:28-30

²⁸ Come to me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Prayers for others

We continue our silent reflection, drawing the needs of the world into our circle of love through the Holy Spirit

Gracious God,

Accept these prayers
In the name of our brother Jesus.
Amen

The Lord's Prayer

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 those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil. Amen

Closing Prayer: Celtic Canticle

Christ, as a light
illumine and guide me.
Christ, as a shield
overshadow me.
Christ under me;
Christ over me;
Christ beside me
on my left and my right.
This day be within and without me,
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.
Be in the heart of each to whom I speak;
in the mouth of each who speaks unto me.
This day be within and without me,
lowly and meek, yet all-powerful.
Christ as a light;
Christ as a shield;
Christ beside me
on my left and my right.

Blessing: St Teresa of Avila

Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away:
God only remains.
Patience obtains all things
Whoever has God lacks nothing;
God alone suffices.