

ST. PAUL ANGLICAN CHURCH NANAIMO
FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT – 10:30 AM LIVESTREAM
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Meeting on the traditional lands of the Snuneymuxw First Nation

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SERVICE OF THE WORD – 10:30 LIVESTREAM SERVICE

*This liturgy is based on the
Anglican Church of Canada **Book of Alternative Services***

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

*We commit ourselves to working together in a spirit of reconciliation as we worship and serve on the
traditional lands of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.*

Presider: Sandra Leigh

Organist: Freeman Dryden

Videographer: Charles Harman

OPENING HYMN: CP 444 (vs 1-4)

Your Hand, O God, Has Guided

1. Your hand, O God, has guided
your flock from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page.
Our forebears owned your goodness
and we their deeds record,
and both of this bear witness:
One church one faith, one Lord

2. Your heralds brought glad tidings
To greatest as to least;
they bade them rise,
and hasten to share the royal feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
One church one faith, one Lord

3. When shadows, thickly falling,
engulfed the world in night,
you summoned forth your servants,
your messengers of light.
On them and on your people
your plenteous grace was poured,
and this was still their message:
One church one faith, one Lord

4. And we, shall we be faithless,
shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the struggle
and cast away the crown?
Not so; in God's deep counsels
some better gift is stored:
The covenant of promise –
One church one faith, one Lord

WELCOME:

GATHERING:

Anyone who serves me must follow me, says the Lord, and where I am, there shall my servant be also (*John 12:26*)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

And also with you.

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY:

**Most merciful God,
By the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you created humanity anew. May the power of his victorious cross transform those who turn in faith to him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 31:31-24

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 119:9-16

⁹ How can a young person stay on the path of purity?
By living according to your word.

¹⁰ **I seek you with all my heart;
do not let me stray from your commands.**

¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart
that I might not sin against you.

¹² **Praise be to you, LORD;
teach me your decrees.**

¹³ With my lips I recount
all the laws that come from your mouth.

¹⁴ **I rejoice in following your statutes
as one rejoices in great riches.**

¹⁵ I meditate on your precepts
and consider your ways.

¹⁶ **I delight in your decrees;
I will not neglect your word.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

CANTICLE: Song of Zechariah (BAS pg 88)

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; * he has come to his people and set them free. He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour, * born of the house of his servant

David. Through his holy prophets he promised of old, that he would save us from our enemies, * from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers * and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham, * to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, * holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, * for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation * by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God * the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, * and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.
Amen.

GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

REFLECTION:

Sandra Leigh

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – LENTEN CREED:

**We believe that our lives are held within the encircling love of God,
who knows our names and recognises our deepest needs.**

**We believe that Christ is the divine Child of the living God,
and that his grace is like living waters that can never be exhausted.**

**We believe in the birthing, renewing, enabling Spirit of God
who yearns over our welfare as a mother yearns for her child.**

**We believe that God is in the arid desert as well as in green pastures,
and that hard times and disciplines are also loving gifts.**

**We believe that our journey has a purpose and a destination,
and that our path leads to a human glory we cannot yet imagine.
We believe that in the church we are fellow pilgrims on the road,
and that we are called to love one another as God loves us.**

**This is our faith and we are humbled to profess in Jesus the Christ.
Amen.**

— from **Traveling to Easter with Jesus as our Guide**, posted on the website of Patmos Abbey—The Order of Saint Columba. <http://www.patmosabbey.org/>

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Prepared by Sue Gueulette

THE LORD’S PRAYER:

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to 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 those who 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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

With gratitude for the gifts that are offered to the glory of God and for our ongoing ministry in our community, let us pray:

Eternal God, your only Son suffered death upon the cross to bring the world salvation. Accept he praise and thanksgiving we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

BLESSING:

DISMISSAL:

We go from here with the cross on our hearts.

We will empty ourselves with Christ for the life of the world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

CLOSING HYMN: CP 602 (vs.1-4)

Lift High the Cross

(Refrain)

Lift High the Cross, the love of Christ
proclaim
till all the world adore, his sacred name.

1. Come Christian people, sing your
praises, shout!
If we are silent, even stones cry out.
(Refrain)

2. Jesus, you wept to see our human
strife: Teach us compassion for each
human life *(Refrain)*
3. Peace was your plea, and peace your
loving theme:
Let peace be our passport, peace a
living dream. *(Refrain)*
4. Great is the cost of walking on this
road, To follow and suffer, with the
son of God. *(Refrain)*

