

## A Simple Liturgy, June 6th

We acknowledge that for thousands of years the Coast Salish peoples have walked gently on the territories where we now live, work, worship and play. We seek a new relationship with the Scia'new and other first peoples here, based in honour and respect, and we thank them for their hospitality.

Peace on each one who comes in need.

**Peace on each one who comes in joy.**

Peace on each one who offers prayers.

**Peace on each one who offers song.**

Peace of the Maker, Peace of the Son,

**Peace of the Spirit, the Triune One.**

*Kid's Time*

*David & the Kids*

***CP53 Now the Silence***

***Opening Hymn***

O God, for your love for us, warm and brooding,  
which has brought us to birth  
and opened our eyes to the wonder and beauty of creation.

**We give you thanks.**

O God, for your love for us, wild and freeing,  
which has awakened us to the energy of creation:  
to the sap that flows, the blood that pulses, the heart that sings.

**We give you thanks.**

For your love for us, compassionate and patient,  
which has carried us through our pain,  
wept beside us in our sin, and waited with us in our confusion.

**We give you thanks.**

For your love for us, strong and challenging, which has called us to risk for you,  
asked for the best in us, and shown us how to serve.

**We give you thanks.**

O God, we come to celebrate that your Holy Spirit is present deep within us,  
and at the heart of all life.

Forgive us when we forget your gift of love made known to us in Jesus,  
and draw us into your presence.

**The Word of God**

Linda

*In a pre-scientific world creation stories attempt to explain the way things are. In the story that you are about to hear reasons are suggested for a variety of human customs. The writer, composing this story almost a thousand years before Jesus appears on the scene, gives a suggestion as to why human nakedness is normally covered up and why snakes (serpents) are generally to be avoided. You will also note how, in a predominantly patriarchal world fault is avoided and blame passed on, first from the man to the woman and then from the woman to the serpent. A reading from Genesis, chapter 3*

[Adam and Eve] heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, 'Where are you?' He said, 'I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.' He said, 'Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?'

The man said, 'The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate.' Then the Lord God said to the woman, 'What is this that you have done?' The woman said, 'The serpent tricked me, and I ate.' The Lord God said to the serpent,

'Because you have done this,  
 cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures;  
 upon your belly you shall go,  
 and dust you shall eat all the days of your life.  
 I will put enmity between you and the woman,  
 and between your offspring and hers;  
 he will strike your head,  
 and you will strike his heel.'

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Psalm 118**

Rachel

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise. I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness;

For you have glorified your name and your word above all things. When I called, you answered me; you increased my strength within me.

All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, when they have heard the words of your mouth. They will sing of the ways of the Lord, that great is the glory of the Lord.

Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; he perceives the haughty from afar. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

The Lord will make good his purpose for me; O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I will sing your praise. I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name, because of your love and faithfulness;

*During his lifetime Paul understood himself to have been called to a specific mission. He was commissioned to tell the good news of Jesus Christ to pagans and he spent the remainder of his life in this pursuit. This task brought with it much personal suffering and pain. He writes, in this second letter to the Christ community in Corinth, of having received “beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger”. In this reading from that letter he encourages both himself and his recipients “not to lose heart” but to look ahead at the glory that is waiting. A reading from 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians, chapter 4*

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—‘I believed, and so I spoke’—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

Word of God, Word of Life.

***Gospel****Wally*

The Lord be with you,  
**and also with you.**

The Good News of Jesus Christ According to  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

The crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, ‘He has gone out of his mind.’ And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, ‘He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.’ And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, ‘How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

‘Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin’— for they had said, ‘He has an unclean spirit.’

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, ‘Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.’ And he replied, ‘Who are my mother and my brothers?’ And looking at those who sat around him, he said, ‘Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.’

The Gospel of Christ  
**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

***Sharing of the Day****Wally*

***Hymn Take and Eat by Michael Juncas***

*Rachel****Prayer****Ruth*

We bring to God someone whom we have met or remembered today  
 and for whom we want to pray.

***common response as set for the week***

We bring to God someone who is hurting today and needs our prayer.

***common response as set for the week***

We bring to God, silently someone whom we find hard to forgive or trust.

***common response as set for the week***

We bring ourselves to God that we might grow  
in generosity of spirit, clarity of mind, and warmth of affection.

***common response as set for the week***

### ***Announcements***

- \* Wardens
- \* others in the congregation
- \* clergy
- \* focused discussion group[s]

### ***Hymn CP56 I am the Bread***

#### ***Closing responses***

O Trinity of Love, you have been with us since the beginning

**Be with us till the world's end.**

You have been with us at our life's shaping,

**Be with us at our life's end.**

You have been with us at the sun's rising,

**Be with us till the day's end. Amen**

Be at peace. Love God, and celebrate what is good in your neighbours.