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We acknowledge the ancestral, traditional, and unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples, including the X̱m̱əθḵw̱əy̱əm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), and Seiḻwitulw (Tseil-Waututh) Nations where we live, work, and worship.

We welcome all and especially newcomers and visitors, whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on the journey of faith. Whenever you see this sign, + before a word or text, you are invited to make the sign of the cross.

GATHERING THE COMMUNITY

PRELUDE

A minister welcomes the gathering informally, makes a territorial acknowledgement.

HYMN *“Let us Build a House (All Are Welcome)”*

*Refrain: All are welcome, all are welcome,
 All are welcome in this place.*

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
A place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions; *Refrain*

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
Where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and a symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: *Refrain*

Let us build a house where love is found
In water, wine and wheat:
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
Is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: *Refrain*

Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.

Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: *Refrain*

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter. *Refrain*

THE GREETING

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

All **And also with you.**

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you.
May we find peace in your service,
and in the world to come, see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God
as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scriptures.

All **Our hearts and minds are open.**

Please sit.

FIRST READING

DEBBIE LANIGAN

Reader A READING FROM THE SECOND BOOK OF SAMUEL

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty-thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which

is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark.

David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obedom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart. They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord.

When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

2 SAMUEL 6:1-5, 12B-19

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All Thanks be to God.

Musical Interlude

SECOND READING

DEBBIE LANIGAN

Reader A READING FROM THE LETTER OF PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

EPHESIANS 1:3-14

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THE GOSPEL

DEBBIE LANIGAN

Reader The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Reader +The Holy Gospel of Jesus the Christ according to Mark.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee.

When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in

the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb. MARK 6:14-29

Reader The Gospel of Christ.
All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

SERMON

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH (*The Apostles' Creed*)

Celebrant Let us give voice to our convictions and substance to our hopes.

All **I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LINDA BOURNE

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant My friends, not out of dread and fear
but believing that God is faithful to forgive,
let us rid ourselves of what we need to carry no longer.

Silence is kept.

Celebrant Most merciful God,
All 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.

Celebrant 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.
All Amen.

THE PEACE

The Celebrant may use some appropriate introductory words.

Celebrant The peace of Christ be always with you.
All And also with you.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The table is prepared.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant Let us pray

The community prays in silence.

Celebrant Father,
your word creates in us a yearning for your kingdom.
Receive all we offer you this day, and keep us in your peace;
for the sake of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is indeed right to thank you and praise you,
holy and gracious God,
creator of all things,
ruler of heaven and earth, sustainer of life,
for you are the source of all goodness,
rich in mercy and abounding in love;
you are faithful to your people in every generation,
and your word endures for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
with the fellowship of saints
and the company of heaven,
we glorify your holy name,
evermore praising you and singing,

SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant We praise you, merciful Father,
not as we ought, but as we are able,
because in your tender love
you gave the world your only Son,
in order that the world might be saved through him.
He made you known by taking the form of a servant,
healing the sick, liberating the oppressed,
reaching out to the lost.

Betrayed, reviled, and nailed to the cross,
he confronted the power of sin
and disarmed it for ever.
In his offering of himself,
he became the perfect and sufficient sacrifice
for the sins of the whole world.
Redeemed by Christ,
we have been adopted as your children;
by your pardon
you have made us worthy to praise you.

On the night he was betrayed,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,
gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine,
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."
In obedience to him and with grateful hearts
we approach your holy table,
remembering our Saviour's sacrifice,
and rejoicing in his victory.
Confident in his sovereign purpose,
we declare our faith.

All

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant Send your Holy Spirit on us
that as we receive this bread and this cup
we may partake of the body and blood
of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and feed on him in our hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

May we be renewed in his risen life,
filled with love,
and strengthened in our will to serve others;
and make of our lives, we pray,
a pure and holy sacrifice, acceptable to you,
knitting us together as one in your Son Jesus Christ,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honour and glory, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(said)*

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

Celebrant Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ,
crucified and risen;

All **make yourself known
in the breaking of bread.**

THE INVITATION

Celebrant This is the table, not of the righteous,
but of the poor in spirit.
It is made ready for those who love God
and who want to love God more.

So come, you who have much faith and you who have little,
You who have been here often
and you who have not been for a long time or ever before,
You who have tried to follow and all of us who have failed.
Come, not because the Church invites you;
It is Christ who invites you to be known and fed here.

The gifts of God for the people of God

All **Thanks be to God.**

THE COMMUNION

Everyone is invited to share in the communion through receiving the bread or, if preferred, a prayer of blessing.

THE CONCLUDING RITE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

The community prays in silence.

Celebrant Living God,

All **in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom.**

**May we who taste this mystery
forever serve you in faith, hope, and love.**

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Glory to God,

All **whose power, working in us,
can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus
for ever and ever. Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the healing of the nations,
God, we pray with one accord;
For a just and equal sharing
Of the things that earth affords.
To a life of love in action
Help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us, Father, into freedom;
From despair your world release,
That, redeemed from war and hatred,
All may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
Fear will die and hope increase.

All that skills abundant living,
Let it from the earth be banned:
Pride of status, race, or schooling,
Dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice,
May we hallow life's brief span.

You, Creator God, have written
Your great name on humankind;
For our growing in your likeness,
Bring the life of Christ to mind;
That by our response and service
Earth its destiny may find.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant Now go in peace do what God wills,
follow where Christ calls
pray for the gifts of the Spirit;
and may the blessing of God the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer
rest on and remain with you now and always.

All Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE