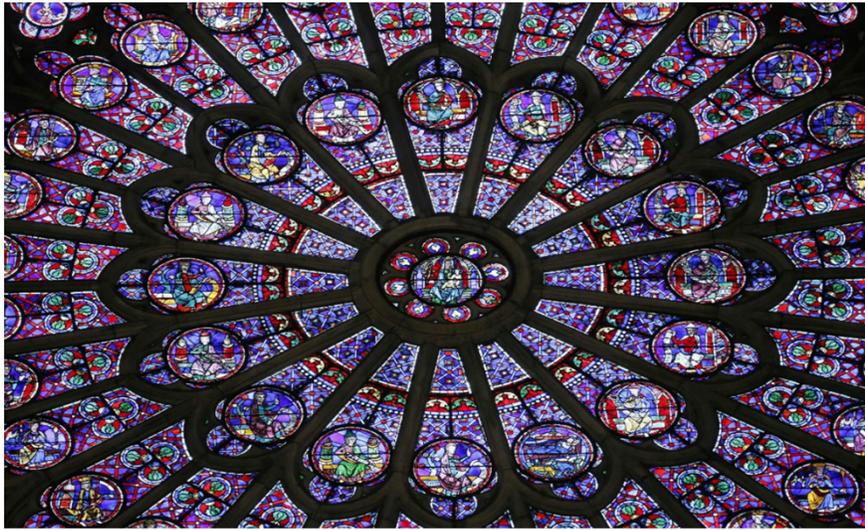




Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 15, 2021
10 am Service



President: Rev Sharon Smith
Music: Rob Gloor
Heather Luccock
Penny Zuk

Greeters: Sharon Fedorak
Roslyn Jackson

Coffee: Penny Zuk,
Susanna Wensley &
Lynn Spence

Reader 1: Janet Johnston
Reader 2: Pipp Stigger
Intercessor: Linda Robertson
Altar Guild: Heather Luccock
Livestream: Armin and Gordon

Gathering of the Community *(By Tim Graves)*

Presider: We gather on the unceded
land of the Coast Salish peoples.
These lands and waters, the
creatures and plants have cared for
and been cared for by Squamish and
Tsleil-Watuth people from time
immemorial. We commit ourselves
to seek just and right relationship
with them.

Presider: Open our minds.

**All: May they be fertile soil for
your word and ways.**

Presider: Open our hearts.

**All: May they be filled with
love of neighbor
and a passion for justice.**

Presider:

Open our hands.

All:

**That we use them to build
a world of
compassion and hope.
Amen**



Artist: Nyree (Ngari) Reynolds

Gathering Hymn: All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
alleluia, alleluia!

Bright burning sun and golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,
alleluia, alleluia

Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
O sing now, alleluia!

Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,
stars nightly shining, find a voice:
alleluia, alleluia

Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!

Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light,
alleluia, alleluia

Earth ever fertile, day by day
unfold your blessings on our way,
O sing now, alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you
grow,
God's glory let them also show:
alleluia, alleluia



Artist: Shuchi

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

People: And also with you.

Gloria:

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, Gloria, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, Gloria, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Prayer of the Day:

Presider: Gracious God,

**All: none who trust in
Holy Wisdom can be
separated from your love.
Give to those who live alone
peace and contentment in
their solitude, hope and
fulfillment in their love of
you, and joy and
companionship in their
relations with others;
through Jesus the Christ our
Lord.
Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom is portrayed as a woman who invites people to partake of her banquet. Just as ordinary food is necessary for physical life, Wisdom's food—insight and understanding—is necessary for fullness of life.

Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
She has slaughtered her animals, she has
mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.
She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,
“You that are simple, turn in here!”

To those without sense she says,
“Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is
saying.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:9-14 (Inclusive Psalter)

(The People are led by Pip Stigger)

Presider: Fear the Lord, you saints of
the Lord,
for those who fear the Lord
lack nothing.

**People: The lions are in want and suffer
hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack
nothing that is good.**

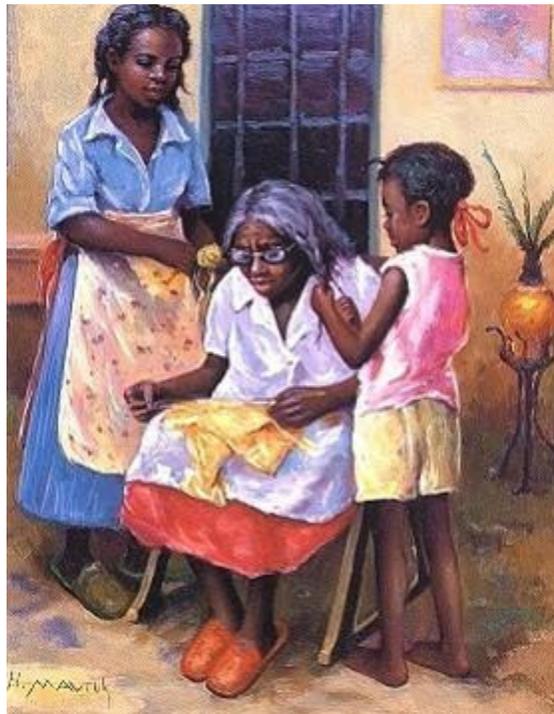
Presider: Come, children, and listen to me;
I will teach you reverence for the
Lord.

**People: Who among you takes pleasure in
life and desires long life to enjoy
prosperity?**

Presider: Keep your tongue from
evil
and your lips from lying
words.

**People: Turn from evil and do
good;
seek peace and pursue
it.**

Amen



Artist: Hulis Mavruk

Second Reading: A Letter to my younger self

Dear beautiful brown-skinned girl,

I look into your eyes and see the light and hope of myself.

In this photo you are just about to turn 20, posing outside the television station where you were recently hired as a reporter. You're proud of yourself for getting the job, but uncertain you'll be able to manage all your college classes before 1 and arrive at the station by 1:30 for a full day's work. Even so, your biggest concern is how to manage your love life with Bubba. Yes, you are dating someone named Bubba.

On this day you've brought him to the station to see where you work, hoping he'll be proud, too. He seems less than impressed. The truth is, he's intimidated. You don't know this, though, because you can see yourself only through his eyes. A lesson you will have to learn again and again: to see yourself with your own eyes, to love yourself from your own heart.

You've spent too many days and years trying to please others and be what they wanted you to be. You will have to learn that the wounds of your past—rape, molestation, whippings for "stepping out of place," and not being allowed to show anger or cry afterward—damaged your self-esteem. Yet through it all, you've held on to a belief in God and God's belief in you.

That will be your single greatest gift: knowing there is a power greater than yourself and trusting that Force to guide you.

The trajectory of your life changed the day you answered the call from Chris Clark, the news director at WLAC-TV. Your response was ignited by the words of your then-favorite Bible verse, Philippians 3:14. "I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Knowing there is a "high calling" is what will sustain and fulfill you.

From where I sit now, viewing your journey, there are few regrets. Only months before this picture was taken, you wrote a poem about a "woman becoming." Even then you understood that success was a process and that moving with the flow of life and not against it would be your greatest achievement.

Love you deeply.

Reader: Let us hear what the Spirit is saying.

All: Thanks to be God



Artist: Sarah Ginidy

Gospel Hymn: Come Down, O Love Divine

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path
illumine.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing;
true lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humble part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with
loathing.

Gospel Reading: John 6:51-58

In John's gospel, the feeding of the five thousand leads to extended teaching. Finally, in these verses, he makes a connection that would not be understood until after his death, in light of the church's celebration of holy communion.

Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus said, "I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

Presider:

The Gospel of Christ.

People:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn (*continued*)

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human
telling;
For none can guess its grace,
till they become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit finds a dwelling.

Homily – Rev Sharon Smith

Reflective silence follows

Affirmation of Faith

Presider: Moses said,

**All: Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God,
 the Lord is one.**

Presider: And Jesus affirmed:

All: Love the Lord your God with
all your heart, with all your
soul, with all your mind,
And with all your strength.
This is the first and the great
commandment, the second is like
it: Love your neighbor as
yourself. There is no
commandment greater
than these.

All: Spirit of God, search our hearts.

Prayers of the People

Confession

*(Adapted from the Book of Alternative
Service)*

Presider: Let us in silence remember our
own faults and failings.

Reflective silence follows.



Confession:

Presider: In the community of Christ's
Church and in the presence of all
God's people:

**All: We confess to God that we have
sinned in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved God, cared for
God's world, or respected God's
people as we should. We own our
responsibility and pray for God's
pardon.**

Presider: May God forgive us, Christ befriend
us, and the Spirit renew and change
our lives. Amen.

The Passing of the Peace

(Iona Community Worship Book, 2017)

Presider: Friends not an easy peace,
not a conditional peace,
not a half-hearted peace,
But the peace of the Risen Christ
be always with you.

People: And also with you

*The community, standing at our seats,
greet one another saying or gesturing:
'Peace be with you'.*

**The Preparation of the Table: Take me as
I am.**

Take, O take me as I am.
Summon out what I shall be.
Set a seal upon my heart,
and live in me.

(Lyrics by John Bell)

Invocation before communion

(By Tim Graves, Liturgy Bits)

Presider: Come to the Table.

People: We come to the Table.

Presider: Share yourselves.

**People: We come to share our whole
selves.**

Presider: Share your gifts.

**People: We come to the Table to share
our gifts, our hurts, & our
uncertainty.**

Presider: Come. Christ calls you.

All: Amen

The Eucharistic Prayer:

*(Preface: A Wee Worship Book, Wild
Goose Resource)*

*Eucharistic Prayer: Evangelical Lutheran
Worship, #10)*

Presider: May God be with you

People: And also with you

Presider: Lift up your hearts

People: We lift them up

Presider: Let us give thanks to God our
Creator

**People: It is right to give our thanks and
praise**

Presider: Yes, it is right to give you thanks
and praise for the life you lived
among us.

Speaking our language, learning
our ways,

Sitting at our tables,

Listening to our complaints,

And never giving up on us,
never giving up on us.

So we gladly celebrate your
life as in concert with the
church in heaven and earth
we join the song of your
unending praise.

Sung Sanctus (St Brides setting)

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full
Are full of your glory.**

**Blessed is the One who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosana in the highest.
Hosana in the highest.**

Presider: O God most mighty,
O God most merciful,
O God our rock and our salvation,
hear us as we praise,
call us to your table,
grant us your life.
When the earth was a formless void,
you formed order and beauty.

Presider: When Abraham and Sarah were
barren,
you sent them a child;
When the Israelites were enslaved,
you led them to freedom.
Ruth faced starvation, David fought
Goliath,
and the psalmists cried out for
healing,
and full of compassion, you granted
the people your life.

Presider: You entered our sorrows in
Jesus our brother.
He was born among the poor,
he lived under oppression,
he wept over the city.
With infinite love,
he granted the people your life.

In the night in which he was
betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and
gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his
disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body,
given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of
me.

Presider: Again, after supper, he took
the cup,
gave thanks, and gave it for all
to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in
my blood,
shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance
of me.

Presider: Remembering his death,
we cry out Amen.

People: Amen

Presider: Celebrating his
resurrection, we shout
Amen.

People: Amen

Presider: Trusting his presence in
every time and place, we
plead Amen.

People: Amen

Presider: O God, you are Breath:

**All: send your Spirit on this
meal.**

Presider: O God, you are Bread:

All: feed us with yourself.

Presider: O God, you are wine:

**All: warm our hearts and
make us one.**

Presider: O God, you are Fire:

All: transform us with hope.

Presider: O God most majestic, O God
most motherly,
O God our strength and our
song,

**All: you show us a vision of a
tree of life
with fruits for all and
leaves that heal the
nations.**

Presider: Grant us such life,
the life of the Father to the
Son,
the life of the Spirit of our
risen Savior,
life in you, now and forever.
Amen.

Presider: And now as our Saviour
taught us, let us pray in the
language of our hearts:

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.

Fraction (Breaking of Bread):

Presider: As Jesus broke bread,

People: **We break bread.**

Presider: As Jesus shared wine,

People: **We share this cup.**

Invitation to the Table:

Presider: Friends, these are the gifts of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Communion:

All people are welcome to receive Communion of one kind (Wafers). Gluten free wafer are available upon request.

Please wear your mask and sanitize your hands before receiving. We ask that you wait until you have returned to your seat before removing your mask and consuming the wafer.

While the communion is being administered, we respectfully ask that you keep the silence.

Communion: Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

Lord, whose love in humble service
bore the weight of human need,
who upon the cross, forsaken,
worked your mercy's perfect deed;
we, your servants, bring the worship
not of voice alone, but heart;
consecrating to your purpose
every gift which you impart.

Still your children wander homeless;
still the hungry cry for bread;
still the captives long for freedom;
still in grief, we mourn our dead.
As you, Lord, in deep compassion
healed the sick and freed the soul,
by your spirit, send your power
to our world to make it whole.

As we worship, grant us vision
till your love's revealing light
in it's height and depth and greatness
dawns upon our quickened sight,
making known the needs and burdens
your compassion bids us bear,
stirring us to ardent service,
your abundant life to share.

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Prayer after Communion

(Iona Abbey Worship Book, 2016)

Presider: Give thanks for all God's
goodness.

All: God's love shall last for ever.

Presider: Generous and faithful God,

All: you have fed us at your table.

**May the nourishment we have
received**

**Enable us to enrich the lives of
others**

Where-ever we may go from here.

Amen

Announcements

Blessing:

Priest: May you be blessed with wise friends.

People: May you learn to be a wise friend to yourself.

Priest: May you be able to journey to that place in your soul where there is great love, warmth, feeling, and forgiveness. May this change you.

People: May it transfigure that which is negative, distant, or cold in you.

All: May you be brought into the real passion, kinship, and affinity of belonging.

Amen

Closing Hymn: She Comes Sailing on the Wind

Refrain:

She comes sailing on the wind,
her wings flashing in the sun,
on a journey just begun, she flies on.
And in the passage of her flight,
her song rings out through the night,
full of laughter, full of light, she flies on.

Silent waters rocking on the morning of
our birth,
like an empty cradle waiting to be filled.
And from the heart of God the Spirit
moved upon the earth,
like a mother breathing life into her child.

Many were the dreamers whose eyes
were given sight
when the Spirit filled their dreams
with life and form.

Deserts turned to gardens,
broken hearts found new delight,
and then down the ages still she flew on.
(Refrain)

To a gentle girl in Galilee a gentle breeze
she came,
a whisper softly calling in the dark;
the promise of a child of peace
whose reign would never end,
Mary sang the Spirit song within her
heart. *(Refrain)*

Flying to the river, she waited circling
high
above the child now grown so full of
grace.

As he rose up from the water,
she swept down from the sky,
and she carried him away in her
embrace. *(Refrain)*

Long after the deep darkness
that fell upon the world,
after dawn returned in flame of rising
sun,
the Spirit touched the earth again,
again her wings unfurled,
bringing life in wind and fire as she
flew on. *(Refrain)*

Dismissal:

Presider: In the name of the Light
that came into the world go
in peace.

People: Thanks be to God.

Postlude