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SEASON OF CREATION



We acknowledge the ancestral, traditional, and unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples, including the X^wməθk^wəyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), and Seilíwitulh (Tseilil-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

The clergy will enter and kneel to pray - at this point, please move to your seats and conclude conversations quietly.

The Celebrant then welcomes the gathering informally and makes a territorial acknowledgment.

THE GREETING

Celebrant The heavens declare the glory of God.

All **The firmament proclaims God's handiwork.**

Celebrant The plants and trees show God's presence.

All **Let us join with creation in praising God.**

Celebrant God of all creation, who moves and inspires us through every time and season,

All **we bless you and praise you for the gift of life in your good, created world.**

Celebrant Grant to us grace and humility to so order our lives that we may honour you among all peoples and nations,

All **create wholesome and right companionship with our fellow living creatures, and work for the healing of this world that you created.**

Celebrant Teach us to see and hear your power in the winds and waves, mountains and valleys so that we may glorify your goodness to us and live rightly in your creation.

All **We pray to you through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Spirit, Three in One, One in Three, now and forever. Amen.**

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 call your Church to witness
that in Christ we are reconciled to you.
Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may turn to you;
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.**

FIRST READING

Debbie Lanigan

Reader A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you.

Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the Lord, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster." PROVERBS 1:20-33

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 JAMES

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.

So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God.

From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh. JAMES 3:1-12

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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.**

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him. Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly.

And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things." He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

MARK 8:27-38

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

Maria Denholme

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Deacon We confess our sin, and the sins of our society,
in the misuse of God's creation.
God our Father, we are sorry
for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully.
Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

All Forgive us and help us.

Deacon We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,
but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.
Father, in your mercy:

All Forgive us and help us.

Deacon We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,
but ignore the cry of the hungry.

Father, in your mercy:

All Forgive us and help us.

Deacon We are thoughtless,
and do not care enough for the world you have made.

Father, in your mercy:

All Forgive us and help us.

Deacon We store up goods for ourselves alone,
as if there were no God and no heaven.

Father, in your mercy:

All Forgive us and help us.

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 You shall go out in joy and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. *(Isa 55:12)*

The Peace of our God, in Jesus be with us all.

All With each other, with us all, and with all creation. Amen

The Deacon will informally give directions.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The Deacon prepares the table.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant Let us pray

The community prays in silence.

Celebrant Holy God,

accept all we offer you this day.

May we who are reconciled at this table
bring wholeness to our broken world.

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

All **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant May God be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them up.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

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

Celebrant It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all.
We praise you here where the Fraser River meets the Salish Sea, where city
and farm, wilderness and industry are side by side. We praise you at a time
when the body of earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed
with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced
from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents
and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through
wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Together with angels and ancestors, orca and salmon, bear and raven, salal and
cedar we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song:

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.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of farmers and seeds, labour and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation.

Bring us with all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come.

All honour and glory are yours, Creator, Christ and Spirit, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(said)*

Please use the language/version which is most helpful to you

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 Today, Christ meets us at the table.
Today, salvation comes to everyone, everywhere.
These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God**

Communion is shared at this point according to local COVID-19 protocols.

THE CONCLUDING RITE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

The community prays in silence.

Celebrant God of peace,

All in this eucharist we have been reconciled
to you and to our neighbours.

**May we who have been nourished by holy things
always have the courage to forgive.**

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

THE BLESSING

Celebrant Go forth confident in the hope
in which you have been saved:

praise God in all creation:

follow Christ through whom all things are made:

in the power of the Spirit become a beacon of hope to the world:

and the blessing of the Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer

bless you that you might be a blessing to others today and always.

All Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of **Christ. Amen.**

POSTLUDE

POST SUNDAY SERVICE VIRTUAL COFFEE TIME

<https://bit.ly/3hM6u2Z> Meeting ID: 240 454 925 Passcode: 153936