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wherever you find yourself
on a journey of faith,
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11 AM SUNDAY SERVICE BULLETIN
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SEASON OF CREATION



We acknowledge the ancestral, traditional, and unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples, including the X̱məθḵw̱əyəm (Musqueam), Skwxwú7mesh Úxwumixw (Squamish), and Seíílwituh (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.

PRELUDE

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,
the heavens declare your glory, yet you took on flesh to be with us on the dusty
ground. Send your Holy Spirit like a blowing wind, to refresh and attune our
hearts. Give us courage to stand with all your creation in proclaiming your good
news of hope, even when it is difficult and the road ahead seems uncertain.
Through Jesus Christ our Liberator, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity
of 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

Guy Cribdon

Reader A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PROVERBS

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant girls. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.

Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple.

Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all." Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates. PROVERBS 31:10-31

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

Musical Interlude

SECOND READING

Guy Cribdon

Reader A READING FROM THE LETTER OF JAMES

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. JAMES 3:13-4:3, 7-8A

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THE GOSPEL

Guy Cribdon

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.

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."
MARK 9:30-37

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

SERMON

The Revd Peter Smyth

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

Chris Daly

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

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 God of power,
the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe.
Accept our offering this day,
and help us to live in peace and harmony
with all your creation,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our 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.

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 Ruler of the universe,

All all creation yearns for its fulfilment in your Son.

**May we who have shared in holy things
grow into maturity in him.**

This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.**

POST SUNDAY SERVICE VIRTUAL COFFEE TIME

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