

Sunday, October 3, 2021 (Feast of St. Francis)

Announcements

Welcome

For those attending in person – please keep your mask on at all times during the liturgy. Starting this Sunday we will be celebrating Eucharist, Marnie will give instructions about how we will do that as we get there.

For those of you attending online, please remember to mute yourself during the liturgy except at the peace when there will be an opportunity to unmute.

And please stay for coffee hour after the service either in person or on Zoom

Blessing the animals

Marnie will be outside after the service awaiting you and your pets so that she can offer a blessing over them. After the service please do come down.

Sandwich Ministry

Beginning the week after Thanksgiving, we will be starting the sandwich making ministry which delivers lunches to children and youth to our local schools. If you are interested in participating please contact either Sharmila or Marnie.

Christmas Bazar

We will once more be putting together a Christmas bazar which will happen on December 4. It will look a little different this year because of COVID.

If you are interested in contributing something: baked goods, jam or something else, please contact Marnie or...

Altar Flowers

The altar flowers are given today in the Glory of God.

Opening Prayer

Creator, you made all people of every land. It is our responsibility to give thanks and respect to those who first occupied this land we are upon. We give thanks to the Coast Salish peoples, the first people of this land. Creator let us be of Good Mind to reconcile the mistreatment of this land and those who have been displaced. With thankful and respectful hearts we pray.

Amen

Opening Hymn: CP 527 How Firm a Foundation (tune CP 393)

**1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said
to you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?**

**2. "Fear not, I am with thee, oh, be not dismayed!
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**3. "When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

**4. "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply.
The flames shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.**

**5. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not, desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never, forsake!"**

The Gathering of the Community

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

And also with you.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect

Grant us, O Holy One, after the example of your servant Francis, to do what you would have us do, always to desire to what is pleasing in your sight,

that cleansed by love, enlightened by your truth, and kindled with the fire of your Holy Spirit, we may follow in the footsteps of your beloved Son and make our way to you; through Jesus Christ, who lived and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sung Gloria (CP 376)

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia! (*repeat*)

Children's Focus

Song: CP 82 Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises (Refrain only)

Hallelujah! We sing your praises! All our hearts are filled with gladness! Hallelujah! We sing your praises! All our hearts are filled with gladness!

Psalm: 148.7-14 (*Linda Mcrae*)

Praise the Lord from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
fire and hail, snow and fog, *
Tempestuous wind, doing God's will;
Mountains and all hills *
fruit trees and all cedars;
wild beasts and all cattle, *
creeping things and wingèd birds;
sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;
young men and young women, *
old and young together.

Let them praise the name of the Lord, *
whose name only is exalted, whose splendour is over earth and heaven.

The Lord has raised up strength for this people *
and praise for all loyal servants,
the children of Israel, *
a people who are near to the Lord. Hallelujah!

**Glory to God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Second Reading: *Galatians 6.14-18* (*Rachael Eaton*)

Gradual Hymn: *God of the Sparrow CP 414*

**1. God of the sparrow God of the whale
God of the swirling stars
How does the creature say Awe
How does the creature say Praise**

**2. God of the earthquake God of the storm
God of the trumpet blast
How does the creature cry Woe
How does the creature cry Save**

**3. God of the rainbow God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks**

**4. God of the hungry God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life**

Gospel: Matthew 11.25-30 (*Roger Farrier*)

Sermon: The Rev. Marnie Peterson

~silence and stillness for prayer and reflection~

Affirmation of Faith

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us. You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now.
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.**

**Eucharistic liturgy p481 A New Zealand prayerbook*

The Prayers of the People (*Susan Parsons*)

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to the table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God, **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.

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. **Amen**

The Peace:

Offertory Hymn: *In the Bulb There Is a Flower* VU 703

**1. In the bulb there is a flower, in the seed, an apple tree,
in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**2. There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

**3. In our end is our beginning, in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing, in our life, eternity,
in our death, a resurrection, at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.**

Prayer over the gifts

Loving God, join our offering to the sacrifice of your Son, the service may be stamped with his humility and bear the image of his obedience; through the same Jesus Christ, our Guide.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts. When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us. Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation.

Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory saying
(singing):

Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you!
My heart knows how to say to you: You are holy, Lord!
(Repeat)

Gracious God, in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity. Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you

Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him.

He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

And now we gather at this table in response to his commandment, to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love, and to proclaim our faith.

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

Breathe your Holy Spirit, the wisdom of the universe, upon these gifts that we bring to you: this bread, this cup, ourselves, our souls and bodies, that we may be signs of your love for all the world and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us sing,

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 for ever. Amen.

Creator of all, you gave us golden fields of wheat, whose many grains we have gathered and made into this one bread.

So may your Church be gathered from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.

Come to the banquet for now all is ready.

These are the gifts of God for you, the people of God.

~ please wear your mask as you come up to receive communion once you have received you may go back to your seat, remove your mask to consume the wafer and then put your mask back on ~

Communion Anthem:

Refrain:

**Come and eat this Bread, come and drink this cup,
Come and share the feast that God has spread,
You have promised us, you are here with us,
In the breaking of the bread.**

**1. Now from this table to the ends of earth,
gather all of your people in this feast of all creation.**

Prayer after Communion:

God of all goodness who gave to your servant Francis a will to be servant of all, grant us in our service of your gospel to hold back nothing of ourselves, that Christ may receive the whole of our lives into the habitations of light and glory; through the same Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Blessing:

Closing Hymn: *Forth in Thy Name, O Lord, I Go (CP 467)*

**Forth in thy Name, O Lord, I go, my daily labor to pursue;
thee, only thee, resolved to know in all I think or speak or do.**

**The task thy wisdom hath assigned, O let me cheerfully fulfill;
in all my works thy presence find, and prove thy good and perfect will.**

**Thee may I set at my right hand, whose eyes my inmost substance see,
and labor on at thy command, and offer all my works to thee.**

**Give me to bear thy easy yoke, and every moment watch and pray,
and still to things eternal look, and hasten to thy glorious day.**

**For thee delightfully employ whate'er thy bounteous grace hath given;
and run my course with even joy, and closely walk with thee to heav'n.**

Dismissal: (*Roger Farrier*)

Go in peace. Share the good news.

Thanks be to God.

