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“I give you a new commandment, that you
love one another. Just as I have loved you,
you also should love one another”

John 13:34

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

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The celebrant welcomes the gathering informally. Participants are invited to take part in various roles in the worship.

THE GREETING

The celebrant makes the Territorial Acknowledgement.

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,
your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life.
Give us grace to love one another
and walk in the way of his commandments,
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

Reader **A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS**

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised

believers criticized him, ³saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." ⁸But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.

¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God? ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

Acts 11:1-18

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

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Reader A READING FROM THE REVELATION TO JOHN

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

'See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them;
they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them;
⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be+ no more;
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away.'

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' ⁶ Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. *Revelation 21:1-6*

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All **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

Reader THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO JOHN

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

³¹ When he had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³² If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³ Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." ³⁴ I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.' *John 13.31-35*

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

SERMON

AFFIRMING OUR FAITH

Celebrant Let us declare our faith in God.
All **We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

At this time, we have a structure around which we will gather our prayers – there will be space to make your own requests or thanksgivings

Leader Our Lord is a God of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger and rich in mercy, generous and forgiving to all who cry for grace. With confidence let us turn to God in prayer.

Gracious God, we pray for people throughout the world who are suffering from drought or flood, famine or poverty, violence or war.

Silence is kept / open prayers

All Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord have mercy.

Leader We pray for the church throughout the world, that we may be effective agents of social transformation and messengers of hope.

Silence is kept / open prayers

All Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord have mercy.

Leader We pray for Canada, that its wealth and power may be a force for justice and peace throughout the world.

Silence is kept / open prayers

All Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord have mercy.

Leader We pray for our community, especially those who find neither hope nor purpose in life, the ill, and those in any need or trouble.

Silence is kept / open prayers

All Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord have mercy.

Leader We pray for ourselves, that we may have the grace to rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep, and always to be slow to anger and quick to forgive.

Silence is kept / open prayers

All Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord have mercy.

Leader We pray for those who have died, that their souls may rest in your loving embrace.

Silence is kept / open prayers

All Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord have mercy.

Leader Lord God, in your presence none of us can boast, and all must ask for mercy. Grant us the grace to see what needs to be done and the wisdom and resources to do it, through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Celebrant Let us confess our sins
and our failure to make God's will our priority

We keep a moment of quiet for reflection.

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

Celebrant The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia. *John 20.19, 20*

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

Celebrant Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Celebrant will informally give directions. After exchanging the peace, please be seated.

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

The table is prepared.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant Let us pray

The community prays in silence.

Celebrant Gracious God,
you show us your way
and give us your divine life.
May everything we do
be directed by the knowledge of your truth.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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 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 *N* and *N*
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 singing:

SANCTUS (*sung*)

**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

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.

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

Celebrant 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.

All
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(said)*

Celebrant Now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,
and each in the language in which you pray, we are bold to say,

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 (and wine which is optional and provided in a common cup) or, if preferred, a prayer of blessing.

THE CONCLUDING RITE

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

The community prays in silence.

Celebrant God of love,
All in this eucharist we have heard your truth
and shared in your life.
May we always walk in your way,
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 May you be a new creation, Christ for those to whom Christ shall send you and the blessing of God our Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life be with you always.

All **Amen.**

THE DISMISSAL

Celebrant He is not here. He is risen.
Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**