

Christ Church Gabriola

A Collaborative Anglican – United Church

Open to All



Home Church

5th Sunday after Pentecost

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We acknowledge these lands upon which we worship are the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.

*Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here!*

Preparing the Space Around Us

Welcome if you are gathering on zoom or if you are worshipping at home with the bulletin. We are one community and all part of the body of Christ. I invite you to prepare the space around you so that for the next hour you can be fully in this worship experience, not to keep out the realities of the world, rather to focus us in the midst of it all on God.

Preparing the Space within Us

Let us prepare now the space within us for a time of worship. I invite you to sit quietly, perhaps with feet on the floor, taking a couple of deep breaths and bring yourself into this moment. Open yourself to the presence of God who is with us and within us . . . as you intentionally open yourself to God, open yourself also to what you need from this time of worship.

Introit: Veni Sancte Spiritus

MV #75

*Holy Spirit, come to us, kindle in us the fire of your love.
Holy Spirit, come to us. Holy Spirit, come to us.
Veni Sancte Spiritus, tui amoris ignem accende.
Veni Sancte Spiritus, veni Sancte Spiritus*

Gathering

BAS, edited

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: Almighty God,

All: **to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may truly love you and worthily praise your holy name.**

One: Glory to God in the highest,

All: **and peace to God's people on earth. Holy God, Mother God, Light and Love of all creation, we worship you, we give you thanks, and we praise you, for you alone are the Holy One.**

Opening Prayer

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God of compassion, of mercy, of tenderness, in Christ, you have shown us how to love one another, how to meet the pain of our neighbors with the care that is needed. And yet we still have so much to learn. Enable us to live open to new perspectives, to receive correction when we stray from love, and to grow through our interactions with one another. We know that the Kingdom is always beyond our perception, and still, we long to bring it to fruition. Amen.

Hymn: *We Are One v. 1,3,4*

¹ We are one as we come,
as we come, joyful to be here,
in the praise on our lips
there's a sense that God is near.
We are one as we sing,
as we seek, we are found;
and we come needful of God's grace
as we meet, together in this place.

³ We are one as we feast,
as we feast, peace becomes the sign;
in the bread and the wine
there's a sense of love divine.
We are one as we come,
as we feed, we are fed;
and we feel God's refreshing grace
as we meet at table in this place.

⁴ We are one as we hear,
as we hear, heart and hand unite;
in the word we receive
there's a sense that God is light.
We are one as we leave,
as we love, we are loved;
and we seek justice in God's ways
as we move together from this place.

Invitation to Confession

UCC Worship Ways

God, you call us to step more deeply into ourselves as we awaken to who you call us to be. Let us acknowledge our transgressions in stillness and in silence so that may prepare our hearts for change.

Silence

Prayer of Confession

Audry Asaad, adapted

Here in this season of deepening relationship with God, we are invited to bring our whole selves to this time of confession, with confidence in God's grace. Let us pray:

**From the love of my own comfort
From the fear of having nothing
From a life insulated from others
Deliver us O God**

VU #402

From the need to be understood
And from a need to be accepted
From the fear of being lonely
Deliver us O God

**From the fear of persecution
from the fear of being truthful
And from the fear of humility
Deliver us O God**

Draw us close to you, O God.
Meet us in our places of hiding
and help us acknowledge our truth
that we may be set free.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Grace

God's love and grace is impossible for us to comprehend or understand, but it is a gift to us. It is a gift to you. Receive today the extravagance that is God's grace poured out for you. Thanks be to God!

Peace of Christ

Please unmute your microphones for the passing of the peace.

One: Where two or more are gathered, Christ is among us. He comes even now to teach healing and reconciliation through his peace. Let us share it with one another.

N-Z: The Peace of Christ be with you!

A-M: And also with you!

First Reading: Colossians 1:1-14 (NRSV)

Reader: Don Butt

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father. In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit. For this reason, since the day we heard

it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Gospel Reading

Reader: Lisa Griffith

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Luke;

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Luke 10:25-37 Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live." But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

One: This is the Gospel of Christ;

All: Praise be to Jesus Christ

Reflection

Silent Reflection

A New Creed

Let us affirm our faith . . .

**We are not alone,
we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.**

**We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.**

Prayers of the People

One: Merciful God,

All: Hear Our Prayers

Lord's Prayer

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.

Paddy Waymark

Offering

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We keep showing up week after week because we believe God lives and so too, does Love. This confession, this faith claim, calls us back to each other and also well beyond these walls. Let us remember our offerings as signs of our commitment to the love in this place and God's love for all creatures and creations.

Offering Prayer

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Gracious One, May our offerings be a seed of recommitment to Love that knows no borders nor prejudices. May your blessing be upon us as we endeavour to be generous, to be thoughtful, and to work together to be your church for one another and in the world. Amen.

Hymn: *I Have Called You v. 1,2,3*

MV #161

¹ I have called you by your name, you are mine;
I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
I will not abandon you;
all my promises are true.
You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.

² I will help you learn my name as you go;
read it written in my people, help them grow.
Pour the water in my name,
speak the word your soul can claim,
offer Jesus' body given long ago.

³ I know you will need my touch as you go;
feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow.
Like the woman reaching out,
choosing faith in spite of doubt,
hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.

Glory to God **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.**

Blessing

Iona Community

If you are with another person, you're invited to bless each other, taking every other line.

One: The Creator's blessing be yours on your road, on your journey,
guiding you, cherishing you.

N-Z: *The Son's blessing be yours, wine and water, bread and stories,
feeding you, challenging you.*

A-M: *The Spirit's blessing be yours, wind and fire, joy and wisdom,
comforting you, disturbing you.*

All: **The Angel's blessing be yours, on your house,
on your living, guarding you, encouraging you.
Let us walk together, a community on a journey,
sustained in God's blessing. Amen!**

One: Let us go now in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

Thank you

Coffee Groups