# SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



July 27, 2025 10:00 am

"To have a spiritual life is to have a life that is spiritual in all its wholeness-a life in which the actions of the body are holy because of the soul, and the soul is holy because of God dwelling and acting in it."

Thomas Merton - www/the congtemplatovewriter.com

Note: We are a Scent Free Facility for the health and comfort of those with allergies. Thank you for helping us care for one another.

#### Welcome & Introduction

Presider We gather today on the traditional and ancestral lands of the kwikwəλəm (kwee-KWET-lum) First Nation, lands also historically shared with the qicəy (Katzie) and other Coast Salish Peoples.

These lands have been cared for, named, and cherished by Indigenous peoples since time beyond memory. As we worship here, may we walk gently on this land, and with humility in our hearts, honour its peoples and their ongoing presence.

# Opening Acclamation

Presider Come to meet the Creator, Source of all life.

All We come, grateful for earth and breath.

Presider Come to follow Jesus, Love made visible.

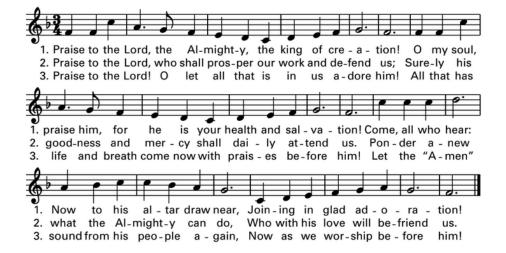
All We come, seeking grace and truth.

Presider Come to be stirred by the Spirit, fire of hope.

All We come, ready to be renewed in love.

Presider Let us worship God—Creator, Christ, and Spirit—together

# Gathering Hymn - Praise to the Lord (OCP 440)



Text: 14 14 47 8; Joachim Neander, 1650-1680; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt. Music: Ernewerten Gesangbuch, Stralsund, 1665; adapt. The Chorale Book for England, 1863.

Presider God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider Let us pray, Holy One,

All to you all hearts are open,
all longing is known,
and no secret is hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the grace of your Spirit,
so that we may love you freely
and live each day as your people,
through Christ our brother and friend. Amen.

# Collect of the Day (the special prayer which 'collects' the theme of the day)

Presider Gracious God,

you invite us to ask, to seek, to knock—not because you are distant,

but because you are always drawing us closer.

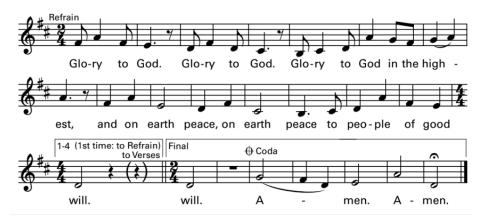
Root our lives in your love,

that we may trust your goodness,

pray with boldness,

and live as people already made whole in Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.** 

Gloria - Glory to God - Mass of Christ the Saviour



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#### **Proclamation of the Word**

# The Readings

Presider Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes

to us through the reading of the Holy Scriptures.

Our hearts and minds are open

All

## First Reading - Genesis 18:20-32

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm - Psalm 85 - Show Us Mercy, Save Us, God



- 1. You have been gracious to your land, O God, you have restored the good fortune of Jacob. You have forgiven the iniquity of your people and blotted out all their sins. *Refrain*
- 2. You have withdrawn all your fury and turned yourself from from your wrathful indignation. Restore us then, O God our Saviour; let your anger depart from us. *Refrain*
- 3. Will you be displeased with us for ever? will you prolong your anger from age to age? Will you not give us life again, that your people may rejoice in you? Show us your mercy, O God, and grant us your salvation. *Refrain*
- 4. You speak, O God and I will listen, for your words are peace to your faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to you. Truly, your salvation is very near to those who fear you, that your glory may dwell in our land. *Refrain*
- Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Truth shall spring up from the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven. *Refrain*
- 6. God shall indeed grant prosperity, and our land will yield its increase. Righteousness shall go before you, and peace shall be a pathway for your feet. *Refrain*

## Second Reading - Colossians 2:6-19

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying

All Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Reading

# Gospel Acclamation



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Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Luke.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel – *Luke 11:1-13* 

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily Rev. Philip Cochrane

# Affirming Our Faith

Presider Together, we declare the faith that holds us and the hope that leads us.

All We believe in God, the Source of Life, by whom every being in heaven and earth is created, named, and sustained.

We believe in God, the Living Word, who restores us to relationship and speaks to us through faith. We believe in God, the Holy Spirit, who comforts, guides, and strengthens us to share the good news of grace.

We believe in God, one, holy, undivided Trinity: Source of Life, Living Word, Comforter: Mystery. Amen.

# Prayers of the People

#### Confession & Absolution

Presider There are times we stop asking.

Times we give up knocking.

Times we forget that the door is open.

But grace meets us here.

Let us come honestly before the God who welcomes and restores.

We keep a moment of quiet for reflection

Presider God of all mercy,

All we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives.

We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created.

We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Saviour Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.** 

## Sharing of the Peace

Presider Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you;

my peace I give to you."

Let us share with one another a sign of Christ's peace—a peace that reaches beyond fear, beyond difference,

beyond walls.

The Peace of Christ be always with you

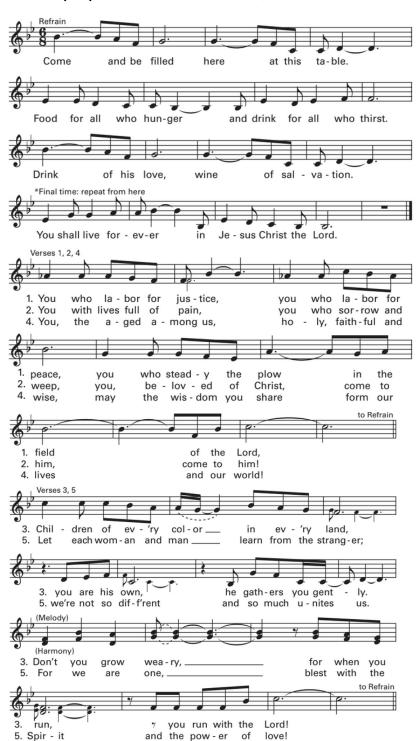
All and also with you.

The Peace is shared in the community, respecting personal boundaries

# Offertory

In gratitude for all we've received, we offer of ourselves back to God. Bread, wine, and money symbolize the fruits of our labour. If you give through Pre-Authorized Donations or e-transfer (office@saintlaurence.ca), you're welcome to use a blue card to represent your offering to the glory of God.

# Offertory Hymn - Here At This Table (OCP 240)



# Prayer over the Gifts

Presider God of abundance,

All you meet us in the ordinary—

in bread, in wine, in friendship shared.

Receive these gifts we offer,

and bless them to your purpose,

that all who hunger may be fed with your goodness.

In the name of Christ, our Bread of Life. Amen.

## **Celebration of our Sacred Meal**

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider God is with you.

All And also with you.

Presider Open your hearts.

All We open them to God.

Presider Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

All We give our thanks and praise.

Presider Cosmic Artist, you made our world ---

beautiful, wholesome, and good.

You made us to live in right relationship

with you and all creation.

You sent Jesus to live among us and show us what you are like.

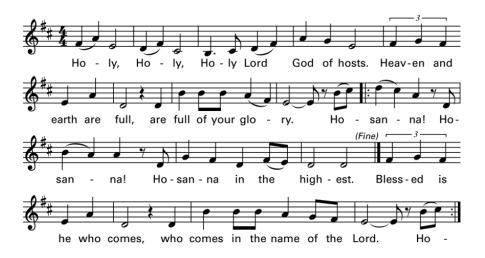
We bring our grateful, worshipping hearts to you,

our awesome God.

You formed the earth and all that dwells here, the seas below and the skies above. You crafted all creatures and inspired them, animating all with your Spirit of love.

Therefore, you alone are worthy of glory, honour and praise. And so, we join with the heavenly beings and all of creation as we sing:

## Sanctus - Holy - Mass of Christ the Saviour



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Presider Indeed, all glory and honour are yours, our true and loving God.

Of your grace you sent Jesus to live among us, to share our humanity and daily life, to proclaim the coming of justice and peace, and to give himself for us.

Through Jesus Christ we are reconciled to you and restored to the goodness you intended for us.

On the night before he died, Jesus ate supper with his friends.

He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them, saying,

"Take and eat. This is my very self, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks and gave it to them, saying,

"Drink it, all of you.

This cup is a new covenant poured out for you and all people. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, we remember: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, and, longing for Christ's coming again in glory, we present these gifts to you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, so that we who share this bread and wine may live in your hope, seek your peace, further your joy and share your love.

Draw us together in Christ, and, in the fullness of time, gather us with all your people into the joy of your eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you, our God and Creator, and give you our unending praise. **Amen.** 

## Lord's Prayer



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# The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

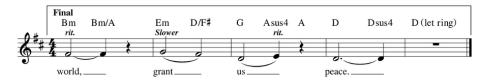
Presider We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

#### Lamb of God







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### The Invitation

Presider This is the table of grace—

where the risen Christ meets us, not in perfection, but in love.

Come: not because you understand everything,

but because you're hungry for something deeper.

Come and be fed.

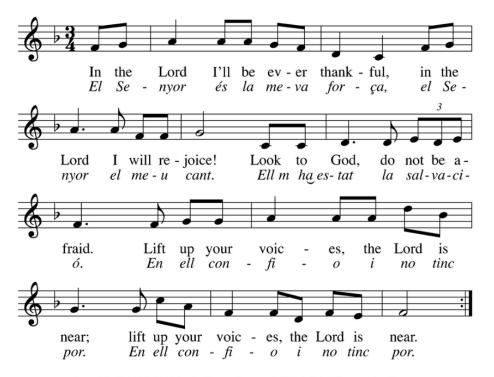
Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.

## The Distribution

At St. Laurence, everyone is invited to the table. You may receive only the bread or both bread and wine. Non-fermented grape juice is available in the ceramic chalice, and gluten-free wafers are offered—just ask at the distribution. If you prefer a blessing, simply cross your arms across your chest.

# Communion Hymn - In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful (BG 396)



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# Communion Hymn - We Remember (GC 593)



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#### Moment of Silence

Take a moment to be still and know God. Let the world's noise fade as you listen for the deep stillness beneath it all. The silence begins and ends with the ringing of a bell.

# Prayer after Communion

Presider Loving God,

All you have opened your table to us

and fed us with your own life.

As we rise from this meal,

send us out to ask for justice,

to seek your presence in unexpected places, and to knock on doors that need opening.

In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

Presider 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**

# **Blessing**

Presider May the God who calls you beloved,

who hears even your unspoken prayers,

and who opens doors you thought were closed—

bless you with courage to ask,

faith to seek, and joy to find.

And the blessing of God:

Creator, Christ, and Spirit—

be with you and all whom you love,

this day and always. Amen.

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# Closing Hymn - Go Make a Difference (OCP 210)



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Minister Go now into the world to live with courage, to love without condition, and to bear fruit in Christ's name.

#### All: Thanks be to God.

The flowers on the altar are given with thanks for blessings received, by Lei & Ermanno De Santis and Rhonna & Kelly Eksyma.



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## **NEWS & NOTES**

# Wednesday Morning Service - 9:00 am

This service is a Bible Study and Communion all rolled into one. A great way to begin your day!

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# **Anglican Calendars - 2026**

It's that time again...to place your order for your Anglican Calendars for 2026.

Cost: \$8.00

"The 2026 Canadian Anglican Church Calendar, now in its 120th year, The calendar continues the tradition of showcasing beloved Anglican churches from coast to coast. The funds raised will assist the Anglican Church Women to continue with their many outreach programs."

Please let the office know if you would like one, no later than **September 7, 2025**.

#### **HEARING HELP**

If you would like to have assistance in hearing better in the Sanctuary during our services, and if you have a Smart Phone, and either a hearing aid,



or some headphones, we can help you connect to our system to aid in helping make the sound clearer.

If you would like more info on how this can work, please see **Peter Newell** at the Sound Desk on the West wall of the Sanctuary.

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