

NINTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

Laurence of Rome - Deacon & Martyr



August 10, 2025

10:00 am

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.

“...Laurence asked for three days to gather the Church’s vast wealth, and then at the appointed time, he revealed crowds of the poor, the crippled, the sick, and the lame. As St. Ambrose comments in his – the earliest – version of the story, “What better treasures has Jesus than those in which he loves to be seen?”

(De officiis ministrorum 2.28.140).

Welcome, Introduction & Invitation to Stillness

Presider We gather on the traditional and unceded territories of the k^wik^wəłəm (Kwikwetlem), q̓icəy̓ (Katzie), and other Coast Salish peoples — with gratitude, humility, and the call to honour the relationships that sustain life and community. May this place be a home of truth, healing, and welcome for all.

Opening Acclamation

Presider The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all.

All Glory to Christ, who makes all things new!

Presider We gather in the name of Christ,
to remember our patron, Laurence-
deacon, servant, martyr, witness.

**All His treasure was not gold, but people.
His faith was not safety, but sacrifice.
His hope was not status, but Christ alone.**

Presider Let us worship the God who calls us to love without fear,
and serve without counting the cost. **Amen.**

Gathering Hymn - *We Walk By Faith* (CP 244)



1., 5. We walk by faith, and not by sight: No
 2. We may not touch his hands and side, Nor
 3. Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief, And
 4. That when our life of faith is done In

gra - cious words we hear Of him who spoke as
 fol - low where he trod; Yet in his prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound; To call on you when
 realms of clear - er light We may be - hold you

none e'er spoke, But we be - lieve him near.
 we re - joice, And cry "My Lord and God!"
 you are near, And seek where you are found:
 as you are In full and end - less sight.

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Presider God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider Let us pray,

God of fire and grace,

All you call us to a table that the world overlooks,
 where the poor, the weary, the grieving,
 and the joyful sit side by side.

You send us out to see your treasure in every face,
 and to love without seeking reward.

Strengthen us in worship and in witness,
 so that we may carry your love into every corner
 of the Tri-Cities and beyond. Amen.

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

Presider Gracious and generous God,
 you inspired your servant Laurence
 to see true wealth not in gold,
 but in the lives of the poor, the sick, and the forgotten.
 You gave him courage to defy the empire
 and faith to bear witness even in the face of death.
 Kindle in us that same spirit of diaconal love
 to serve without expectation,
 to speak truth with humility,
 and to seek your treasure in the overlooked places
 of our world.
 Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 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

Refrain

Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God in the high -

est, and on earth peace, on earth peace to peo-ple of good

1-4 (1st time: to Refrain) to Verses Final ⊕ Coda

will. will. A - men. A - men.

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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.

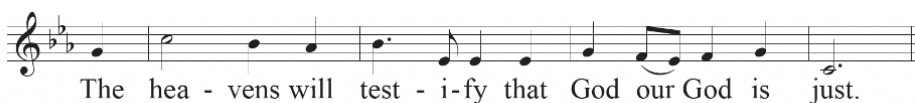
All **Our hearts and minds are open**

First Reading - *Daniel 3:19-27*

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm - *Psalm 50:1-8, 23-24 - The Heavens Will Testify*



1. The God of gods, the Holy One, has spoken
and has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
God is revealed in glory. **Refrain**
2. Our God will come and will not keep silence,
will come with a devouring flame and a mighty
tempest round about.
God calls the heavens and the earth from above
to witness the judgement of the people. **Refrain**
3. "Gather before me my loyal followers,
those who have made covenant with me and
sealed it with sacrifice."
Let the heaven's declare the rightness of God's name;
who is the judge of all. **Refrain**
4. Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
"O Israel, I will bear witness against you;
for I am God, your God.
I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;
your offerings are always before me. **Refrain**
5. Consider this well, you who forget God,
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.
Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honours me;

but those who keep in my way,
will I show salvation of God.” *Refrain*

Second Reading - 2 Corinthians 9:6-10

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 14:12-14

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily Rev. Philip Cochrane with Interview - Deacon Pat

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 Jesus said, *“Invite those who cannot repay you...
and you will be blessed.”*

Let us now confess the ways we have clung to comfort
instead of compassion,
and closed our eyes to the needs God places before us.

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.**¹

Sharing of the Peace

Presider The peace of Christ is not a transaction, it is a gift.
It flows from grace, not reward.
Let us share that peace, boldly and freely.

Presider 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 - *Be Not Afraid* (OCP 88)

Verse 1

1. You shall cross the bar-ren des-ert, but you shall not die of
 1. thirst. You shall wan-der far in safe-ty though you do not know the
 1. way. You shall speak your words in for-eign lands and all will un-der-
 1. stand. You shall see the face of God and live. to Refrain

Refrain

Be not a-fraid. I go be-fore you al-ways. Come fol-low
 me, and I will give you rest. 1, 2 to Vss 2, 3 Final 2

Verse 2

2. If you pass through rag-ing wa-ters in the sea, you shall not
 2. drown. If you walk a-mid the burn-ing flames, you shall not be
 2. harmed. If you stand be-fore the pow'r of hell and death is at your
 2. side, know that I am with you through it all. to Refrain

3. Blessed are your poor, for the kingdom shall be theirs.
 Blest are you that weep and mourn, for one day you shall laugh.
 And if wicked tongues insult and hate you, all because of me
 Blessed, blessed are you.

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Loving God,
All you receive what we offer, even when it seems small.
Bless these gifts, and the gifts of our lives,
so that your love may reach the overlooked,
your justice may rise in the forgotten places,
and your grace may multiply in our midst.
In Jesus' name. 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*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho -
san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is
he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

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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

Our Fa-ther, who art in heav-en, hal-low-ed be
thy name; thy king-dom come; thy will be done on
earth as it is in heav-en. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread; and for-give us as we for-give
oth - ers; and lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion,
but de - liv - er us from e - vil.
For the king - dom and the pow - er and the
glo - ry are yours for - ev - er. A - men.

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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

D A/C# Bm Bm/A G A A/G F#m7
 Lamb _____ of God, you take a - way _____ the sins of the

I, 2 (Repeat as needed)
 Bm Bm/A Em D/F# Em/G A D.S.
 world, have mer - cy _____ on us. _____

Final
 Bm Bm/A Em D/F# G A sus4 A D Dsus4 D (let ring)
 rit. Slower rit.
 world, _____ grant _____ us _____ peace. _____

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The Invitation

Presider This table isn't of the Church but of the risen Christ,
 open to all hungry for grace.
 Come not because you must but because you're called.
 Come as you are, in strength or need,
 because you are loved.
 Christ meets us here to nourish, forgive,
 and send us out in love.

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 God Alone*

Ostinato Refrain

In God a-lone my soul can find rest and peace, in
 Mon â - me se re - po - se en paix sur Dieu seul: de

God my peace and joy. On - ly in God my
 lui vient mon se - lut. Oui, sur Dieu seul mon

soul can find its rest, find its rest and peace.
 â - me se re - po - se, se re - po - se en paix.

Last time

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Communion Hymn - *Eye Has Not Seen* (OCP 179)

Refrain

Eye has not seen, ear has not heard what God has read-y for
those who love him; Spir - it of love, come, give us the
mind of Je - sus, teach us the wis-dom of God.

Verses 1-3

1. When pain and sor - row weigh us down, be near to us, O
2. Our lives are but a sin - gle breath, we flow-er and we
3. To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ev - er
Lord, for - give the weak - ness of our faith, and
fade, yet all our days are in your hands, so
near, re - flect - ed in the fac - es of
D.C.
bear us up with - in your peace - ful word.
we re - turn in love what love has made.
all the poor and low - ly of the world.

Verse 4

4. We sing a mys-t'ry from the past in halls where saints have
trod, yet ev - er new the mu - sic rings to
D.C.
Je - sus, Liv - ing Song of God.

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 God of abundance,
All **in bread and wine you have fed us with mercy.
Now send us to feed others
not for repayment, but for joy.
Give us eyes to see your treasure in our neighbours,
and hearts ready to serve where you send us.
Through Christ, our life and our hope. 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 treasures the unseen
open your eyes to what matters most.
May Christ, who dined with the least and the lost,
welcome you again and again to his table.
May the Spirit who moved through Laurence's courage
move through you — to serve, to give, to bless.
And the blessing of God,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn - *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* (OCP 273)



1. I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2. I want to see the bright-ness of God.
 3. I'm look - ing for the com - ing of Christ.



I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.



God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Clear sun of right-eous-ness shine on my path, And
 When we have run with pa - tience the race, We



star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.



In him there is no dark-ness at all. The



night and the day are both a - like. The



Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.



Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Ephesians 5:8-10, Revelation 21:23, John 12:46, 1 John 1:5, Hebrews 12:1; Kathleen Thomerson, b.1934, © 1970, 1975, Celebration Tune: HOUSTON, 10 7 10 8 9 9 10 7; Kathleen Thomerson, b.1934, © 1970, 1975, Celebration; acc. by Robert J. Batastini, b.1942

Minister Go into the world not as self-sufficient servants,
but as people ready to serve and to be served —
open to grace, wherever it finds you.
Go in peace, to discover Christ in one another.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

The flowers on the altar are given in
loving memory of John Zahara,
and other passed family members.
Love Jill, Jillian and Family



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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!

Sunday, August 17, 2025 - NEXT SUNDAY

We will be having a joint service at Good Shepherd Lutheran church, 1504 Spruce Ave, Coquitlam, starting at 10:30 AM.

Rev. Philip will be preaching, and will be featuring some of the music and fun from our week of VBS.

There'll be a picnic outdoors on the lawn after the service.

Hotdogs will be grilled on the bbq, and everyone is invited to bring a **side dish** or a **dessert** (potluck style).

We'll have some tables set up but people are also welcome to bring lawn chairs or picnic blankets to spread out over the yard.

There will be a **Spoken Service and Communion** at St. Laurence at 10:00 am that morning as well.



MEMORIAL SERVICE for ANNE KELLETT

There will be a service for Anne Kellett this **Thursday, August 14 at 1:30 pm** at St. Laurence Anglican Church.

A reception will be held in the Church Hall, following the service.



Anglican Calendars - 2026

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

Cost: \$8.00

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



VBS - Road Trip - On the Go with God

All this week at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Please be praying for the leaders and kids, that this will be a safe, fun and meaningful week, as the kids learn about Jesus and living everyday for His glory and praise.