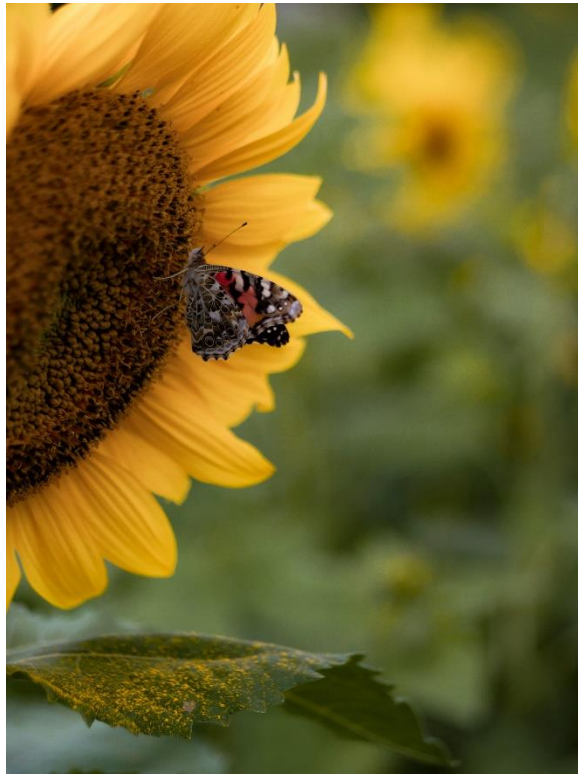


The Anglican Parish of  
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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Home Church Connections



Nourishing Faith  
and Community

# THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

## Prelude

## Words of Welcome

## Gathering

In this time and from many places we gather on the ancestral lands the Ləkʷəŋən speaking people, of our Esquimalt, Songhees and Coast Salish First Nation companions.

**From many places and peoples we come to pray.**

In this time and from many places we gather in the name of the living God.

**We meet in the presence of Jesus Christ, risen and alive.**

In this time and within this virtual space we gather with the community of faith around the globe and across the ages.

**In this time and space heaven and earth are one.**

In this time and wherever we are, we are not alone, but one in Christ.

**Knit together in the unity of the Spirit.**

In this time and in all places, we are hallowed, expectant, one people in God.

**In the name of the Holy and Blessed One, Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Let us pray,

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and sent into our hearts the Spirit of your Son. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all people may know the glorious liberty of the

children of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## **THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED**

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

A reading from the book of Isaiah

*Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard:  
My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and  
cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a  
watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he ex-  
pected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes.*

*And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge be-  
tween me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vine-  
yard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes,  
why did it yield wild grapes?*

*And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove  
its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it  
shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned  
or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns; I will also  
command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.*

*For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the  
people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but  
saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!*

Hear what the Spirit is saying.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 80:1-2, 8-18

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you who lead Joseph like a flock!

**You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth  
before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.**

Stir up your might,  
and come to save us!

**You brought a vine out of Egypt;  
you drove out the nations and planted it.**

You cleared the ground for it;  
it took deep root and filled the land.

**The mountains were covered with its shade,  
the mighty cedars with its branches;**

it sent out its branches to the sea,  
and its shoots to the River.

**Why then have you broken down its walls,  
so that all who pass along the way pluck its fruit?**

The boar from the forest ravages it,  
and all that move in the field feed on it.

**Turn again, O God of hosts;  
look down from heaven, and see;**

have regard for this vine,  
the stock that your right hand planted.

**They have burned it with fire, they have cut it down;  
may they perish at the rebuke of your countenance.**

But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,  
the one whom you made strong for yourself.

**Then we will never turn back from you;  
give us life, and we will call on your name.**

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:29- 12:2

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

*By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.*

*And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.*

*Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.*

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so*

*closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.*

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Gospel Reading: Luke 12:49-56

God be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Good News of Jesus according to Luke

**Glory to You Lord Jesus Christ.**

*‘I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on, five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:*

*father against son*

*and son against father,*

*mother against daughter*

*and daughter against mother,*

*mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law*

*and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.’*

*He also said to the crowds, ‘When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, “It is going to rain”; and so it happens. And*

*when you see the south wind blowing, you say, “There will be scorching heat”; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?*

The Gospel of Christ  
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

### Announcements

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD**

### Prayers of the People

#### Prayers of Confession and Assurance

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love, infinite in mercy, and welcoming of sinners. Let us confess our sins, confident in God’s forgiveness.

**Holy and gracious One: forgive our sins.**

**The ones we can remember, and those we have forgotten.**

**Forgive the wrong actions we have committed, and the right actions we have avoided.**

**Forgive the times we have been weak, unkind or judgmental and failed to live out your kingdom call to justice and love.**

**Forgive the lies we have told, the truths we have avoided and the pain we have caused others.**

**Creator of all, have mercy on us, and make us whole.**

(Early Irish (adapted from A Celtic Primer p. 95) )

**May Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

(from New Patterns for Worship Church of England)

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you!**

At peace with one another united as one we declare:

**We believe and trust in God the Father Almighty.**

**We believe and trust in Jesus Christ, his Son.**

**We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.**

**We believe and trust in the Three in One.**

(from Creating Uncommon Worship by Richard Giles)

### The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

### Doxology

**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



## Dismissal

Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

### Weekly Cycles of Prayer

We pray for Church of England; for our new Primate the Right Reverend Shane Parker; for Chris Harper, the National Indigenous Archbishop; Diocese of Saskatchewan, Bishop of Missinipi, The Right Rev. Adam Halkett; and for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Canada.

In our diocese, we pray for our bishop, The Right Rev. Anna Greenwood-Lee and in our region, St Barnabas, The Rev. Dr. Travis O'Brian.

In our parish we pray for: Keith and Keiko Brandsma; Doug and Bev Bowen; Jan Brister; Cathy Carphin; Wendy Clapp; Tom Daggett and Annie Kung; Judith Davidson; Lynda and Michael Delaney.

In our community we pray for St. John the Divine Food Bank and those among us whose illness is addiction.

For the month of August we pray for the building maintenance and repair Ministry.

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