

August 24, 2025 Sounds of Worship

Welcome

Opening Hymn - CP 306 'O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing'

The Gathering of the Community

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Creator and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

O God, you are the gathering one who calls us into community: with each other to love and work, to support and heal.

You are the gathering one who calls us into community: with all people; to bring justice and hope, freedom and truth.

You are the gathering one who calls us into community: with the whole creation; to live in harmony, to cherish and renew.

Let us worship the God who makes us one.

Collect Prayer

Almighty God, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

The Proclamation of the Word Isaiah 58: 9b-14; Psalm 103:1-8; Hebrews 12:18-29

(After the reading: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church. **Thanks be to God.)**

The Gospel

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to ... **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Gospel Reading - Luke 13:10-17

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

Homily (followed by a moment of silence for reflection)

Affirmation of Faith

Hear O Israel, the Lord our God is One and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is like it: you shall love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Prayers of the People

Offertory Hymn - CP 433 'Lord, You give the Great Commission'

Prayer for the Offering

God of generosity and abundance, receive the gifts we offer for the work of your church in this world. We bring them to you with hearts that long for healing, justice and hope. Bless these gifts that they may bring about your Kingdom. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

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 Sending

May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace, God's seal on our prayers.

Announcements

Closing Hymn - CP 526 'God Is Our Fortress and Our Rock'

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia

Thanks be to God. Alleluia