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St Timothy Anglican Church, Burnaby
Joint service

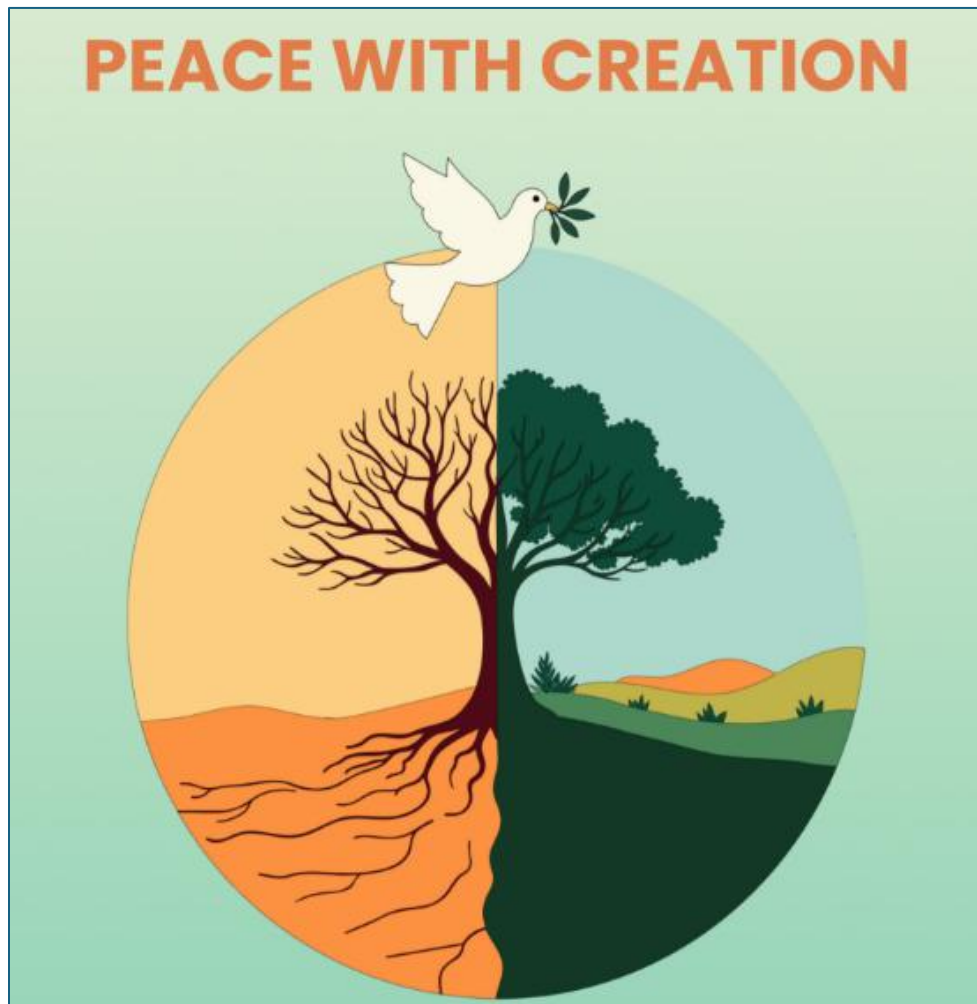
Holy Eucharist with Zoom Option

Ordinary Time

Sunday, August 31, 2025

10:00 AM

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost



Taken from the Season of Creation Guide¹

The Zoom codes for **all** our worship services are:

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The Gathering of the Community

Words of Welcome & a Territorial Acknowledgement

*Thank you for joining us for worship this morning! This document provides a guide for our time together. You are invited to join in saying the words in **bold**. Bookmarks to pre-mark the hymnals are available where you picked up this guide.*

During July and August, in-pew activity packets are available for children. They can be found on the table at the rear of the worship space. If you need more space or more movement than the pews allow, a play mat and more flexible seating is available to the right of the altar, going into the Parish Hall.



Gathering Hymn - SGP 40 This is the Day

- see bulletin page #9

Celebrant: We gather this day in the name of the Creator:
Spirit of God who gives birth to the entire Universe of Creation in love, and of the Word of God, spoken into the silence, giving shape and form to all Creation, and of the Wisdom of God, who weaves the evolving web of life, drawing us toward ever-greater justice, love, and peace with Creation.

May the grace and peace of our creating God, who places us in the midst of the vast and expanding Universe on this beautiful and fragile planet, be with us all as we pray:ⁱⁱ

All: Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: Inviting God, laying open your table to those without status or power, and setting a place for the foreign and the unwanted: overturn our tables of power and teach us to receive bread from strange and wounded hands; through Jesus Christ, the one given for all.

All: **Amen.**ⁱⁱⁱ



Gloria "Glory to God"

CP-702

The Proclamation of the Word

Children's Talk

First reading - Jeremiah 2:4-13 read by Pat H.

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me and went after worthless things and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the Lord, who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and

pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal and went after things that do not profit.

Despite God's care of the Israelites in freeing them from slavery in Egypt, in nurturing them in the wilderness, and in bringing them to the Promised Land, Israel has forgotten about him, and has been worshipping foreign gods of no value for several generations. These gods, unlike our God, offer no hope for the future.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look; send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this; be shocked; be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

All: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
Thanks be to God.

🎵 **Psalm^{iv}** – *Psalm 81:1, 10-16* Cantor: Andy

The cantor sings the refrain first, then everyone repeats it the second time. The cantor sings the verses.



Refrain: Oh, that my people would listen to me, and walk in my ways!

Sing with joy to God our strength and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
I am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said,
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it." **[Refrain]**

And yet my people did not hear my voice, and Israel would not obey me.
So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, to follow their own devices. **[Refrain]**

Oh that my people would listen to me! that Israel would walk in my ways!
I should soon subdue their enemies and turn my hand against their foes. **[Refrain]**

Those who hate me would cringe before, their punishment would last for ever.
But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat and satisfy them with honey from the rock. **[Refrain]**

Second reading - Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word

We now come to the conclusion of the letter. The author offers guidance regarding the shared life in the Christian community.

of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All: Thanks be to God.

🎵 **Gradual Hymn - "What Wondrous Love is This"**

CP-400

Gospel reading - Luke 14:1,7-14

Deacon: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

Jesus takes the opportunity while dining with a prominent Pharisee to say more about the qualifications for entry into the kingdom of heaven. While taking the lowest place at a banquet is good manners, Jesus also says that attendance at the heavenly banquet is at God's invitation. God will not be fooled by one's self-promotion.

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon

The Ven. Ruth Monette

🎵 **Affirmation of Faith "I Believe in God Almighty"**

CP-44

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us bring our prayers, our intercessions, and our thanksgivings to our God, remembering all who are in need in body, mind, or spirit.

After a time of silence, the leader may name the printed prayer concerns of the parish. The Prayers of the People are concluded with the following prayer.

Leader: Concluding together, we pray:
All: **Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.^v Amen.**

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant: In this season, our collective confession focuses primarily on those sins most directly impacting God's creation.

We begin with a time of silence for us to recall our sins against creation, one another, ourselves, and God.

Silence is kept.

All: **Merciful and sustaining God we have sinned against you. We confess our lack of gratitude for the beauty and bounty of your creation: teach us to see that your earth sustains us and all that lives. We confess that we have misused your earth: grant us amendment of life. We confess that we have been intemperate in our appetites: strengthen us in self-control. We confess that we have taken the abundance of your world for granted: make us urgent now for its protection. Forgive and renew us now through our Savior Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit, with whom you live and reign, one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer, forgive our sins, known and unknown and inspire us afresh to be worthy stewards of creation, may we work together for peace and justice and a sustainable future. **Amen.^{vi}**

The Peace is an invitation for us to greet those with whom we worship as a sign of our reconciliation to them through the blessing of God's absolution of our sins. You are invited to greet those sitting nearest you with a handshake or other non-touch greeting.

The Passing of the Peace

Celebrant: The God of heaven has made a home on earth.

All: **Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**

Celebrant: The peace of Christ be always with you.

All: **And also with you.^{vii}**

During the singing of the Offertory Hymn, the greeters will bring the offering plates through the congregation. Financial offerings may be placed in the plates at the entrances to the worship space or made online at www.ststephenburnaby.ca/pages/donate. St Stephen's depends on the generosity of our members and visitors to continue to offer Christ's light to our neighbours.

 **Offertory Hymn** "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee"

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The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant: Merciful God, receive all we offer you this day. Give us grace to love one another that your love may be made perfect in us. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant: May God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all. We praise you here where the Fraser River meets the Salish Sea, where city and farm, wilderness and industry are side by side. We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Together with angels and ancestors, orca and salmon, bear and raven, salal and cedar we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song:

♪ **Sanctus** *"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord"*

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Celebrant: We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of farmers and seeds, labor and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation.

Celebrant: Bring us with all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come.
All honor and glory are yours, Creator, Christ and Spirit, now and forever^{viii}.
All: Amen.

Celebrant: Uniting our voices with Christians throughout the ages and throughout the world, let us pray as our Saviour taught us.

The Lord's Prayer

SGP-12

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: This is Living Bread, given for all Creation.
All: All who eat this bread share in Christ's Body^{ix}.

Fraction Hymn *"The Bread Which We Break"*

CP-746

Celebrant: These are the gifts of God for all God's people.
All: Thanks be to God.

Communion

To Receive Communion:

Please come forward to the step before the Altar to receive. We begin with the choir, the tech team, and the pews behind them and then move to the other side. Be attentive to physical distancing as you move within the space.

- *To receive, extend both hands, one on top of the other so that the wafer may be placed on your palm. For the wine, you may take a sip from the chalice. We do not dip the wafer into the wine.*
- *If you are not receiving wine, you may stay until the chalice is offered to you or return to your seat immediately.*
- *If you would prefer a blessing instead, please ask for one.*
- *If you need Communion brought to you, please alert a greeter or wave at the priest when everyone else has received.*

Those on Zoom may say this prayer together.

If you are attending in-person, but are not receiving communion at this time, you may also wish to say the following prayer.

In union, O God, with all your faithful people gathered wherever the eucharist is celebrated this day, we offer you praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption given to us through the life, death and resurrection of Christ, and for the means of grace and the hope of glory.

We pray that we may know you in heart, and soul and mind. Let nothing separate us from you. May we serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your promised reign of justice and peace; through Christ and in the unity of the Spirit. Amen.

Communion Hymns

"Precious Lord"

CP-509

"Eat This Bread"

CP-63

"One Bread, One Body"

CP-73

The Sending Forth of the Community

Prayer After Communion

Celebrant: Almighty God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: May God who established the dance of creation,
Who marveled at the lilies of the field,
Who transforms chaos to order,
Lead us to transform our lives and the Church
To listen to the voice of all creatures
That reflect God's glory in creation.
And the blessing of the Creator God, the Risen Son,
and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you today and always. Amen.^x
Amen.

♪ **Sending Hymn** *"Come, O God of All the Earth"*

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Dismissal

Deacon: Tend the earth, care for God's good Creation; as you have received freely, so give freely. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

F C C7

1,4. This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made,
 2. O- pen to us, o- pen to us the gates of God;
 3. You are our God. you are our God, we will praise your name,

C C7 C C7

that the Lord has made; we will re- joice, we will re- joice,
 the gates of God; we will go in, we will go in,
 we will praise your name; we will give thanks, we will give thanks,

F B \flat

and be glad in it, and be glad in it. This is the day
 and praise the Lord, and praise the Lord. O- pen to us
 for your faith- ful- ness, for your faith- ful- ness. You are our God,

Am7 Dm B \flat Am7 Dm

that the Lord has made, we will re- joice and be glad in it.
 the gates of God, we will go in and praise the Lord.
 we will praise your name, we will give thanks for your faith- ful- ness.

C \sharp aug Am A D7 G7 Csus4 C F

This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.
 O- pen to us, o- pen to us the gates of God.
 You are our God, you are our God, we will praise your name.

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From our hymnal "Songs for a Gospel People"

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THANK YOU to our choir members, our readers, our tech support; and to our other volunteer servers this Sunday: our Zoom host Barb, Parish host Sandra, our Greeters Man and Judy; our Offering caretaker: Bob R; Altar Guild: Josie & Roxie, and those from St Timothy who are serving as readers, prayer leaders, and helpers today.

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Liturgical Notes:

* The Season of Creation is a time to renew our relationship with our Creator and all creation through celebration, conversion, and commitment together. During the Season of Creation, we join our sisters and brothers in the ecumenical family in prayer and action for our common home.

* In the context of Christian worship, Israel does not refer to the current political state but either to the historic Hebrews of the ancient Near East, or in Christian theology, to all people who put their faith and trust in Jesus Christ.

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ⁱ Logo is from the "Peace with Creation" Season of Creation 2025: A Catholic Liturgical Guide.

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ⁱⁱ The opening words are from Season of Creation 2025 Peace with Creation: A Catholic Liturgical Guide,

ⁱⁱⁱ The Collect of the Day is found in "Alternative Collects for the RCL as Authorized by General Synod" from *Prayers for an Inclusive Church* (2009).

^{iv} The Psalms are taken from the George Black Psalter at the Church of the Redeemer website, Anglican Church of Canada. <https://theredeemer.ca/music/george-black-psalter/>

^v Concluding prayer for Prayers of the People from Season of Creation: Eucharistic Material, The Church in Wales, <https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/publications/liturgy/Creationtide/>.

^{vi} Confession & Absolution combine Season of Creation: Eucharistic Material, The Church in Wales, <https://www.churchinwales.org.uk/en/publications/liturgy/Creationtide/> and Season of Creation resources posted by www.greenanglicans.org.

^{vii} Peace from "A Service of Welcome," The Iona Community, Iona Abbey Worship Book (Glasgow, UK: Wildgoose Publications, 2001), 60. Sourced from TEC Season of Creation resources.

^{viii} Eucharistic Prayer is from Salal+Cedar, a ministry of the Diocese of New Westminster.

^{ix} Breaking of the Bread: Season of Creation: A Celebration Guide for Episcopal Parishes, 2024, www.newcreationliturgies.org.

^x Blessing and Dismissal from Season of Creation: A Celebration Guide for Episcopal Parishes, 2024. As above.