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HALQ'EMÉYN-SPEAKING COAST SALISH PEOPLES. WE SEEK TO WALK A PATH OF  
RECONCILIATION AND HEALING WITH ALL.

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*Whether you have been a lifelong Anglican or are new to our tradition, we welcome you this morning! If you are not familiar with Anglican worship, simply allow the words, music and symbols to speak to you. Participate as fully as you feel comfortable in doing. We stand to sing and sit to listen. Some people kneel for prayer, some sit and some stand. Please do what is comfortable for you. You are invited to join in the words in **bold type**. Music for the songs is found in the blue Common Praise or green Songs for a Gospel People hymnbook in the pews. The music for the mass setting is in a booklet in the pews.*

# THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

## *Prelude*

## *Welcome*

### **Gathering Song**

'Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service'  
*Common Praise 585 (tune Beach Spring)*

**Lord, whose love in humble service  
bore the weight of human need,  
Who upon the cross, forsaken,  
worked your mercy's perfect deed;  
We, your servants, bring you worship  
not of voice alone, but heart;  
Consecrating to your purpose  
every gift which you impart.**

**Still your children wander homeless;  
still the hungry cry for bread;  
Still the captives long for freedom;  
still in grief we mourn our dead.  
As you, Lord, in deep compassion  
healed the sick and freed the soul,  
By your Spirit send your power  
to our world to make it whole.**

**As we worship, grant us vision  
till your love's revealing light  
In its height and depth and greatness  
dawns upon our quickened sight,  
Making know the needs and burdens  
your compassion bids us bear,  
Stirring us to ardent service,  
your abundant life to share.**

## ***Greeting***

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: We gather here from many places on land that is the traditional and unsundered territory of the Halq'emeyn-speaking Coast Salish peoples.

**People: May Christ lead us on right pathways as we seek truth and reconciliation in action.**

## ***Young People's Time***

### ***The Collect of the Day***

Presider: Let us pray,

**All: 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. Amen.**

## **THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

### ***The First Reading: Jeremiah 2:4-13***

Reader: A reading from the prophet Jeremiah,

<sup>4</sup>Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. <sup>5</sup>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? <sup>6</sup>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?' <sup>7</sup> 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. <sup>8</sup> 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.

<sup>9</sup> Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children. <sup>10</sup> Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. <sup>11</sup> 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. <sup>12</sup> Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD, <sup>13</sup> 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.

Reader: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### ***The Psalm: 81:1 & 10-16***

1 Sing with joy to God our strength \*  
**and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.**

10 I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, \*  
**'Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.'**

11 And yet my people did not hear my voice, \*  
**and Israel would not obey me.**

12 So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, \*  
**to follow their own devices.**

13 Oh, that my people would listen to me! \*  
**That Israel would walk in my ways!**

14 I should soon subdue their enemies \*  
**and turn my hand against their foes.**

15 Those who hate the Lord would cringe before me, \*  
**and their punishment would last for ever.**

16 But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat \*  
**and satisfy them with honey from the rock.”**

***The Second Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8 & 15-16***

Reader: A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews,

Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup> Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup> Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, ‘I will never leave you or forsake you.’ <sup>6</sup> So we can say with confidence, ‘The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?’

<sup>7</sup> Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup> Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever.

<sup>15</sup> Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup> Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Reader: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Song  
‘Come to a Wedding’  
*Common Praise 287 (tune Bunessan)*

**Come to a wedding, come to a blessing,  
Come on a day when happiness sings!  
Come, rain or us, come winter or summer,  
Celebrate love and all that it brings.**

**Thanks for the love that holds us together-  
Parent and child, and lover and friend;  
Thanks to the God, whose love is our centre,  
Source of compassion, knowing no end.**

**Love is the gift and love is the giver,  
Love is the gold that makes the day shine;  
Love forgets self to care for the other,  
Love changes life from water to wine.**

**Come to this wedding, asking a blessing  
For all the years that living will prove;  
Health of the body, health of the spirit,  
To all here gathered, offer our love.**

### ***The Gospel: Luke 14:1 & 7-14***

Reader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Reader: 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. <sup>7</sup> When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup> ‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; <sup>9</sup> 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. <sup>10</sup> 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 honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. <sup>11</sup> For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’

<sup>12</sup> 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 or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be

repaid. <sup>13</sup> But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup> And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## ***Teaching***

The Rev. Stephanie Shepard

## ***The Prayers of the People***

Leader: In love and concern for all, let us pray to our God together. To the bidding, To the bidding 'Loving God' please respond, 'hear our prayer.

Leader: Keep the Church constant in the humility of service to which we are called. We pray for all ordained and lay leaders, including our Primate Shawn, our Archbishop John, our Archdeacon Ruth, our Regional Dean Arvin, and our priest Stephanie. Bless all who work to spread the good news of salvation to all. Loving God,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Be merciful to the world where many are possessed by pride and made arrogant by power. We pray for people and places that are in the midst of famine, disaster, conflict, persecution, and injustice....  
*(here you are invited to name those on your heart)...*  
Grant that those who have authority may exercise it with equal regard for the wellbeing of all whom they govern. Loving God,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Bless our homes and make them places of welcome to break bread, share love, and include newcomers. Keep us from becoming narrow in our hospitality, and help us to look beyond those who are nearest to us. Loving God,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for all who are slighted or ignored because of poverty, disability, race, or orientation. We pray for those who are in need of God's healing, naming them silently or aloud...  
(pause here)

... Loving God,

**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We remember those who have died and come to the kingdom where all are made equal through grace...  
... Help us so to live in this world that we may be worthy at last to receive with them the blessings of eternal life. Loving God,  
**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for forgiveness: for the times we have been hurt and the times we have hurt others. We ask for your mercy for the opportunities we missed and the needs we didn't perceive. Give us grace to amend our lives and be better servants. Loving God,  
**All: Hear our prayer.**

Leader: May our prayers be accepted through Christ the Servant of all, who came bearing the bread of life and the cup of salvation.  
**All: Amen.**

### ***The Exchange of the Peace***

Presider: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**All: And also with you.**

*You are invited to share a sign of God's peace with your neighbours, respecting their comfort with distance and touch.*

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

### ***Offering Song***

*'Wind Upon the Waters'*

*Common Praise 408 (tune Wind Upon the Waters)*

**Wind upon the waters,  
voice upon the deep,  
rouse your sons and daughters,  
wake us from our sleep,  
breathing life into all flesh,  
breathing love into all hearts,  
living wind upon the waters of my soul.**



**Showers from the heavens,  
water from the earth,  
gift so wholly given,  
source of every birth,  
joy of every living thing,  
making all creation sing,  
shower down upon the dry earth of my soul.**

**Rock and hill and garden,  
wood and desert sand,  
prairie, field and meadow  
shaped by Love's own hand,  
Love that fills the world around,  
springing up from barren ground,  
grow your love within the garden of my soul.**

**Blazing light of wonder,  
flame that pierces night,  
burst the dark asunder,  
fill our souls with light,  
Lord of glory, fill the skies,  
make an end to hatred's cries,  
be the blazing sun of justice in our lives.**

**Wind upon the waters,  
rains upon the sand,  
grace your sons and daughters,  
new-born by your hand.  
Come, O Spirit, and renew  
all the life that comes from you,  
send your winds upon the waters of my soul.**

### ***The Prayer over the Gifts***

**Presider:** Let us pray,

**All:** **Living Water,**

**Receive all we offer you this day.**

**Pour into us your grace to love one another**

**That your love made be made perfect in us.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

**‘Sursum Corda’**

*(‘Now the Feast and Celebration’ pew insert p.11)*

Presider: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

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

**People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, God, the Father and Mother of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name:

**Sanctus**

*(‘Now the Feast and Celebration’ pew insert p.11)*

**All: Holy, holy, holy are you,  
God of power and might.  
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest!  
Blessed is the One who comes in your name.  
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

Presider: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, “Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you.” In the

same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and forever.

**All: Amen.**

### ***The Lord's Prayer***

Presider: In the language closest to your heart, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

*You are invited to use either the traditional or contemporary version in English or the language you find most helpful for prayer.*

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who  
trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power, and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be your name.  
Your kingdom come,  
Your will be done  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us this day 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 Fraction Anthem**

*(‘Now the Feast and Celebration’ pew insert p.14)*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:  
Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you break the chain of hatred and fear:  
Have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
Grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.**

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, God bids you welcome to this table. Here we are strengthened for the journey. Here strangers become friends and the seeker finds God’s wisdom speaking to them. See who you are and become what you see. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

## ***The Communion***

*You are invited to come forward to receive bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers are available. You receive the fullness of Christ’s love if you prefer to take one kind (just the bread or the wine). If you would prefer to have a blessing, please let the priest know.*

## **During Communion**

**‘Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant’**

*Common Praise 500 (tune Servant Song)*

**Sister, let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey,  
fellow travellers on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.**

**Anthem  
'Thy Word'  
Renew #94**

## **THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY**

### ***The Prayers after Communion***

**Presider:** Let us pray:

**All:**       **Merciful God,  
You renew us at your table with the bread of life  
and the cup of salvation.  
May your holy meal strengthen us in love  
and help us to serve you in each other.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. 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, now and forever. Amen.**

### ***The Announcements***

#### **Sending Song**

**'All Praise to Thee'**

***Common Praise 387 (tune Sine Nomine)***

**All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,  
Didst yield the glory that of right was thine,  
That in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine:  
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Thou camest to us in lowliness of thought:  
By thee the outcast and the poor were sought,  
And by thy death was God's salvation wrought:  
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Let this mind be in us which was in thee,  
Who wast a servant that we might be free,  
Humbling thyself to death on Calvary:  
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Wherefore by God's eternal purpose, thou  
Art high exalted o'er all creatures now,  
And given the name to which all knees shall bow:  
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Let every tongue confess with one accord  
In heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;  
And God the Father be by all adored:  
Alleluia, alleluia.**

## **The Dismissal**

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## ***Postlude***



### **Liturgical Ministers today**

Greeter & worship assistant, 8:00 am:	Brian Dobbin
Greeters, 10 am:	Gerry Stensgaard & Geoff Clements
Reader:	Sybil Collett
Chalice Administrators:	Susan Stensgaard & Carol Murdoch
Presider & Preacher:	The Rev. Stephanie Shepard
Server:	Greg Kennelly
Crucifer:	Linda Gravlin
Guest Musician:	Dean Edward Thiessen



## **THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL**

**Wednesday Midweek Eucharist, 9:30-10 am\***

**Wednesday Fellowship Time, 10-10:30 am in the Lounge**

**Wednesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 in the Lounge**

**Thursday Vespers, 5:30-6 pm via Zoom+**

**Saturday Community Brunch, 11 am- noon in the Hall**

**Sunday BCP Eucharist, 8-9 am.\***

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**Next week's Readings for Pentecost 13, September 7, 2025:**

**Jeremiah 18:1-11; Psalm 139; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14:25-33**