

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



August 31, 2025
10:00 am

“Hospitality means primarily the creation of free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy. Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them space where change can take place. It is not to bring men and women over to our side, but to offer freedom not disturbed by dividing lines.”

— Henri J.M. Nouwen, *Reaching Out: The Three Movements of the Spiritual Life*

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.

All are warmly welcomed to our worship.
We ask visitors to introduce themselves and to join us
for social hour after the service.
We welcome children and invite them to enjoy the
activity table during worship.

Welcome, Introduction & Invitation to Stillness

Presider We acknowledge with gratitude that we live and worship on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded lands of the kʷikwəłəm (Kwikwetlem) First Nation, shared historically with the q̓icəy̓ (Katzie) and other Coast Salish Peoples.

We give thanks for their care of the land, waters and creatures through the generations,
and we commit ourselves to walk gently upon this earth
and to live as good neighbours.

Opening Acclamation

Presider O God, you are the fountain of living water.

All We come, thirsty for your grace.

Presider In Christ we find welcome and a humble way.

All We come to the table where all are invited.

Presider The Spirit refreshes us with generosity and peace.

All We come to worship the living God.

Gathering Hymn - *Sing to the Mountains (OCP 493)*

Refrain

Sing to the moun-tains, sing to the sea. Raise your voic - es,
 lift your hearts. This is the day the Lord has made. Let all the
 earth re - joice. Let all the earth re - joice.

to Verses Last time

Verse 1

1. I will give thanks to you, my Lord. You have
 1. an - swered my plea. You have saved my
 1. soul from death. You are my strength and my song.

to Refrain

Verse 2

2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. Heav -
 2. en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

to Refrain

Verse 3

3. This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be glad and re-joice.
 3. Death has lost and all is life. Sing of the glo-ry of God.

to Refrain

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Presider God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider Let us pray,
Faithful God,

**All you have called us by name and gathered us here.
You see us as we are and love us still.
Lift our burdens, open our hearts,
and make us ready to worship you with joy and hope,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

Presider Almighty God,
You are the wellspring of living water,
yet we seek after things that do not bring us true fulfillment.
Draw us back to You,
that in Christ we may embrace the way of humility,
and through Your Spirit, may our hearts overflow
with generosity and true welcome.
We ask this 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.

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 - *Jeremiah 2:4-13*

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm - *Psalm 81:1, 10-16*



1. 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**
2. 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**
3. 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**
4. 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*

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 14:1, 7-14*

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily Rev. Philip Cochrane

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 Christ calls us to humility, generosity and hospitality.
Too often we turn aside to idols that cannot satisfy -
wealth, status or security.
Trusting in God's mercy, the fountain of living water,
let us bring our sins before God.

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 measured by wealth or status,
but flows like living water, refreshing and renewing all.
Let us share that peace with one another.

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

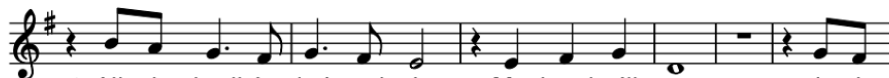
*In gratitude for all we've received, we offer of ourselves back to God.
Bread, wine, and money symbolize the fruits of our labour. If you give through
Pre-Authorized Donations or e-transfer (office@saintlaurence.ca), you're
welcome to use a blue card to represent your offering to the glory of God.*

Offertory Hymn - Here I Am, Lord (OCP 242)

Verses



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



1. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save. I, who
2. I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
3. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin-est



1. made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
2. break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
3. bread I will pro - vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



1. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
2. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
3. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.

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Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Fountain of life,
All **all we have comes from you.**
Receive the gifts we bring -
bread and wine, our work and our lives.
Make them signs of your generosity and welcome,
so that all may be fed at your table of grace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 Asus4 A D Dsus4 D (let ring)

rit. Slower rit.

world, _____ grant _____ us _____ peace. _____

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The Invitation

Presider Here is the table of Jesus, where all are welcome.
Come not because you must but because you are loved.
Come, and be nourished for the journey.

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.

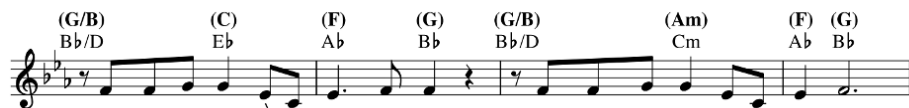
Communion Hymn - *Bread of Life* (OCP 110)



1. Bread of life and cup of hope, we come as gift to you.
2. Lov-ing Lord, Cre - a - tor God, o - pen our eyes to see
3. Liv-ing Word, O Son of God, your love shows us the way



1. Change our hearts; fill us with peace. Trans-form our lives a - new.
2. the good that lives in each of us, that called the world to be.
3. that we may live in har - mo - ny, and from you nev - er stray.



1. O - pen our eyes so that we might see your pres - ence in one an - oth - er.
2. And when we fail to — see the good, when friend-ships fal - ter and crum - ble,
3. Wipe all op-pres-sion — from our midst; give us a love for all peo - ple.



1. Your life, poured out in love to - day, u - nites us all in you.
2. give us the cour - age to for-give that we may live in peace.
3. Your song of jus - tice sing in us, to live for peace to - day.

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Communion Hymn - *The Body of Christ* (OCP 919)



1-3. This is the Bod - y of Christ,

beau - ti - ful, bro - ken and
word be - come flesh by his
gath - ered in hope and in



1. blessed; mir - a - cle of the great - est of loves, ‡
2. grace; mir - a - cle of a mys - t'ry no tongue ‡
3. faith; bound by this love, this Bod - y and Blood he



1. pres - ence of God in our midst. This is the Cup that he
2. ev - er could ful - ly ex - plain. This is the Blood of the
3. of - fers a - gain and a - gain. All of the hun - ger we



1. shares, end - less - ly emp - tied and poured; sac - ri - fice
2. Lamb, gift of a heart o - pen wide; poured from the
3. have, sat - is - fied on - ly by this; so we re -



1. made so that we might be saved ‡ now and for - ev - er - more.
2. Cross to the al - tar where love ‡ com - forts and fills and pro - vides.
3. ceive, we re - mem - ber, be - lieve and share so that oth - ers may live.



A - men, a - men! We are healed by the Bread of life.



A - men, a - men! We are one in the Bod - y of Christ.



We are one in the Bod - y of Christ.

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 We thank you, O God,
All **for feeding us with living bread and flowing grace.
Keep our hearts free from greed and fear.
Let humility and generosity shape our lives,
that all we do may be a feast of your love,
through Jesus Christ, our host and our Saviour. 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 is the fountain of living water
refresh you and renew you.
May Christ, who is the same yesterday, today and for ever,
guide you in humility, hospitality and joy.
And may the Holy Spirit flow through your life
in generosity and peace.
And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be upon you
and remain with you always. **Amen**

Closing Hymn - *Go In Peace to Love & Serve the Lord* (OCP 208)



1. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
 2. Be Christ's hands, now reach - ing out to all.
 3. Live your life with care for the op - pressed.
 4. Strong in faith, we know the task a - head:

1. Go in peace: be - come the liv - ing Word!
 2. Be Christ's voice, in - vit - ing with his call.
 3. Strive for peace, that all are tru - ly blessed.
 4. hands must bake and serve the dai - ly bread.

1. Christ on our lips and Christ in our hearts, may we
 2. Filled with his joy, em - pow'ed with his strength, may we
 3. When times are hard and dark - ness sur - rounds, may we
 4. Us - ing our gifts, with joy in our hearts, may we

1. show God's love to the world, to the world,
 2. spread God's grace through the world, through the world,
 3. shine God's light on the world, on the world,
 4. be God's pres - ence in the world, in the world,

1. may we show God's love to the world.
 2. may we spread God's grace through the world.
 3. may we shine God's light on the world.
 4. may we be God's pres - ence in the world.

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Minister Go in peace
 to love and to serve the Lord with humility,
 generosity and joy.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The flowers on the altar are given by Joan Caldw, in Memory of Pat Koretchuk & Judy Flaten who passed unexpectedly June 23, & July 10th respectively. Each were personal friends of over 50 years. Their husbands & their families will each receive today's bouquet in memory of their loved one. Both were spirited, talented ladies who leave a trail of light behind by the way they lived their life. May they rest in Peace.



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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!

REMINDER: NEXT WEEK - Sunday, September 7, 2025

-We will return to our regular 2 services

9:00 am - a Spoken Service

10:30 am - Worship Service with music and choir

Plan to join us as we begin the Fall season in worship and glory to God

- **The parish office will be closed** on Monday, September 1 for the public holiday.
- **Rev. Philip will be away** September 2–16 inclusive.
- **Listening Forward:** Jan Taylor led parish conversations and prepared a summary. Parish Council will review it in September, and we'll share it with everyone afterwards.
- **Our Youth have safely returned** from the CLAY 2025 Gathering.
- **Interested** in gaining better self-understanding and exploring Spiritual Practices? Interested in becoming part of a potential St Laurence hub with the Centre for Spiritual Renewal? Philip is forming an exploratory team—please connect with him for details. thecentreforspiritualrenewal.org