

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
Season of Creation - Week 1



September 7, 2025
10:30 am

“We are each a unique and unrepeatable word of God spoken into the world, called to become fully ourselves in love, and to help others do the same.”

- Sr. Joan Chittister, OSB

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 k^wik^wəłəm (Kwikwetlem) First Nation, shared historically with the q̓ic̓əy̓ (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 Blessed be the God of all creation.

All And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

Presider The heavens declare the glory of God.

All The earth shows forth God's handiwork.

Presider Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.

People Praise the Lord, O my soul.

Gathering Hymn - *Will You Come and Follow Me?* (CP 430)

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape
the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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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 God, our Maker,
you are the potter and we are the clay.
Reshape our lives according to your will,
that we may walk in the way of Christ,
carry the cross with joy, and bear witness to your love
in all creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria - Glory to God - Mass of Renewal

Glory to God in the highest
and on earth peace to people of good will

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you,
We give you thanks for your great glory,
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father
You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father
Have mercy on us
For You alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father
Amen, amen

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 18:1-11*


Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All **Thanks be to God.**


Psalm - *Psalm 139 - O God, You Search Me (OCP 386)*




1. O God, you search me and you know me.
2. You know my rest - ing and my ris - ing.
3. Be - fore a word is on my tongue, Lord,
4. Al - though your Spir - it is up - on me,
5. For you cre - at - ed me and shaped me,



1. All my thoughts lie o - pen to your gaze.
2. You dis - cern my pur - pose from a - far,
3. You have known its mean - ing through and through.
4. Still I search for shel - ter from your light.
5. Gave me life with - in my moth - er's womb.



1. When I walk or lie down you are be - fore me:
2. And with love ev - er - last - ing you be - siege me:
3. You are with me be - yond my un - der - stand - ing:
4. There is no - where on earth I can es - cape you:
5. For the won - der of who I am, I praise you:



1. Ev - er the mak - er and keep - er of my days.
2. In ev - 'ry mo - ment of life or death, you are.
3. God of my pres - ent, my past and fu - ture, too.
4. E - ven the dark - ness is ra - diant in your sight.
5. Safe in your hands, all cre - a - tion is made new.

Second Reading - *Philemon 1-21*

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 14:25-33*

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

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

Homily Rev. Carla McGhie

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 live in faith, hope and love,
yet we have not always lived as people of God's story -
harming the earth, ignoring the cries of the poor,
and turning aside from God's ways.
Trusting in God's mercy,
let us confess our sins in faith and hope.

We keep a moment of quiet for reflection

Presider Merciful God,
All You are the Potter
who shapes the earth and us with care,
but we confess we have marred Your handiwork.
We have exploited the soil, polluted the waters,
and harmed the creatures You formed.
Like stubborn clay, we resist Your call
to change and repentance.

Forgive our selfishness, greed and apathy.
Mould us anew to be faithful keepers of Your creation,
that we may honour Your work
and restore the earth's beauty.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Presider: Have mercy on us, O Lord.
Forgive our apathy and restore our courage.
Heal us, and heal the earth we have wounded.
In Your compassion, make us whole. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

Presider The peace of Christ is deeper than we can understand –
reconciling us to God, to one another, and to creation itself.
Let us share that peace with one another

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.
All And also with you.

8 *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 at This Table* (OCP 240)

Refrain:

Come and be filled here at this table
Food for all who hunger and drink for all who thirst
Drink of his love, wine of salvation
You shall live forever in Jesus Christ the Lord.

1. You who labor for justice, you who labor for peace
You who steady the plow in the field of the Lord ***Refrain***
2. You with lives full of pain, you who sorrow and weep
You, beloved of Christ, come to him, come to him! ***Refrain***
3. Children of every color in every land
You are his own, he gathers you gently.
Don't you grow weary for when you run
You run with the Lord ***Refrain***
4. You, the aged among us, holy, faithful and wise
May the wisdom you share form our lives
and our world! ***Refrain***
5. Let each woman and man learn from the stranger
We're not so different and so much unites us
For we are one, blest with the Spirit
And the power of love! ***Refrain***

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Generous God,

All all things come from you.

Receive these gifts of bread and wine,

the work of our hands and the offering of our lives.

**Use them for your glory and for the healing of creation,
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 Lift up your hearts

All We lift them up

Presider Let us give thanks to God our Creator

All It is right to give our thanks and praise

Presider It is right at all times and in all places to thank and praise
you Creator of all.

We praise you here on this Coast Salish land 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 - Mass of Renewal*

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.
Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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Presider We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first deed was
a feed trough. He was baptized into 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.

Bring us with St Laurence and St Catherine and 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. **Amen**₂

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 - *Mass of Renewal*



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The Invitation

Presider This is the table of Christ,
where earth and heaven meet, and all are welcome.
Come – not because you must,
but because God longs to feed you with grace,
to refresh you with living water,
and to send you out in love.

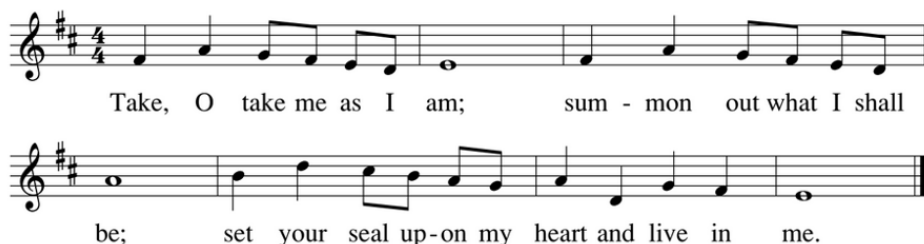
Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

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 - *Take, O Take Me as I Am* (MV 85)



Communion Hymn - *Christ, Shine In Our Lives* (OCP 861)

Verses



1. When the dark-ness sur-rounds us and trou-bles our hearts, and we
 2. When the lost and for - sak - en γ stum-ble and fall, when the

1. cry out for jus-tice and peace; when the proud and the might-y bring
 2. sin - ner brings scan-dal and shame; when the poor and the wid-ow γ

1. ter-ror and fear, γ and bur - den the hearts of the meek; γ when
 2. long for our love, and the warmth of com - pas-sion's em-brace; when the

1. judg-ment and hate o - ver - whelm us, γ and prej - u - dice
 2. old and un - born are a - ban-doned, and the wound-ed and

1. reigns in the night: Light of Christ, shine in our lives.
 2. frail turned a - way: Light of Christ, shine in our lives.

Refrain



Christ, be our light. Christ, be our guide. Shine in your
 church, shine in our lives. Dis - pel the dark-ness with your

1: to Verse 2
 2: to Bridge

light. Shine, shine in our lives!

Bridge

In the dark of the night, we will walk by your love, by your light,
 with the flame of our faith as our guide.

In the stillness, we wait for your word and the gift of your grace.
 Speak to our hearts and our minds.

Christ, be our light. Christ, be our guide.

Shine in your church, shine in our lives. (**Refrain**)

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 God of life,

All you have fed us with the bread of heaven.

**Reshape us into the likeness of Christ,
that our lives may reflect your love
and our world may be renewed in hope,
through 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
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Announcements

Blessing

Presider May the Creator of heaven and earth bless you.

May Christ, the living Word,

guide you in the way of justice and peace.

May the Holy Spirit fill you with hope and joy,
this day and always.

And the blessing of the holy and undivided Trinity,
one God, be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn - Lord of All Hopefulness (OCP 338)



1. Lord of all — hope - ful - ness, — Lord of all joy, Whose —
 2. Lord of all — ea - ger - ness, — Lord of all faith, Whose —
 3. Lord of all — kind - li - ness, — Lord of all grace, Your —
 4. Lord of all — gen - tle - ness, — Lord of all calm, Whose —



1. trust, ev - er child - like, no cares can de - stroy, Be
 2. strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe, Be
 3. hands swift to wel - come, your arms to em - brace, Be
 4. voice is con - tent - ment, whose pres - ence is balm, Be



1. there at — our — wak - ing, and give us, we pray, Your
 2. there at — our — la - bors, and give us, we pray, Your
 3. there at — our — hom - ing, and give us, we pray, Your
 4. there at — our — sleep - ing, and give us, we pray, Your



1. bliss in our hearts, — Lord, at the break of the day.
 2. strength in our hearts, — Lord, at the noon of the day.
 3. love in our hearts, — Lord, at the eve of the day.
 4. peace in our hearts, — Lord, at the end of the day.

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Deacon Go in peace to cherish Creation,
 loving and serving the Creator.
 All Thanks be to God.

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God
and in thanksgiving for the love of our parents ,
Dick and Angela Barr,
and Herb and Paula O'Driscoll,
by Erin and Rick Barr.



NEWS & NOTES

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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!

Book Club

The Book Club meets from 2:00-4:00 pm in the Lounge at the church.



Next Meeting - September 9, 2025

New members are always welcome!.

Book Club selections for 2025 are available on the website



Phoenix Friends

Tuesday, September 16, 2025

1:30 - 3:00 pm

at St. Laurence Church

ALL WOMEN are welcome.

Come join us for a fun and meaningful time of fellowship and friendship.

- **Rev. Philip will be away** September 2–16 inclusive.

Please contact the church office for any emergencies or Pastoral needs, and your message will be passed on to Rev. Carla McGhie, who is filling in during this time.

- **Parish Council** - Next meeting - September 22, 2025 - 7:30 PM

DELEGATES' ASSEMBLY

The MVA Delegates' Assembly is a powerful gathering of member organizations and community leaders working together for change. Focused on key issues like housing, climate, and equity, this citizens' assembly brings our collective voice to decision-makers uniting diverse groups to drive action and shape policy.

**SAVE THE
DATE!**



TIME: 7:00 PM -9:00 PM.
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM
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