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WE GATHER ON THE TRADITIONAL AND UNSURRENDERED TERRITORY OF THE
HALQ'EMÉYN-SPEAKING COAST SALISH PEOPLES. WE SEEK TO WALK A PATH OF
RECONCILIATION AND HEALING WITH ALL.

**10 am Eucharist
Holy Cross Day
14 September 2025**

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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

'Lift High the Cross'

Common Praise 602 (tune Crucifer)

Refrain *Lift high the cross,
the love of Christ proclaim
till all the world adore
his sacred name!*

**Come, Christian people, sing your praises, shout!
If we are silent, even stones cry out.**

Refrain

**Jesus, you wept to see our human strife:
teach us compassion for each human life.**

Refrain

**Peace was your plea, and peace your loving theme:
let peace be our passport, peace a living dream.**

Refrain

**Great is the cost of walking on this road,
to follow and suffer with the Son of God.**

Refrain

**Worlds to be born and children yet to be,
come, take up this song into eternity.**

Refrain

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.**

Song of Praise
'Song of Creation'
Common Praise 754

**Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord.
Praise him and highly exalt him forever.**

**In the firmament of his power glorify the Lord.
Praise him and highly exalt him forever.**

**Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills.
Praise him and highly exalt him forever.**

**O springs of water, seas and streams.
Praise him and highly exalt him forever.**

**O whales and all that move in the waters.
Praise him and highly exalt him forever.**

**Let the earth glorify the Lord.
Praise him and highly exalt him forever.**

Young People's Time

The Collect of the Day

Presider: Let us pray,

**All: God of compassion,
Jesus was lifted up on the cross,
a sign of your steadfast love
and a pledge of your will to save.
Grant healing of soul and life eternal
to those who look upon the cross in faith;
through Jesus Christ, our peace and our salvation.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

Reader: A reading from the Book of Numbers,

⁴ From Mount Hor the Hebrews set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵ The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' ⁶ Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷ The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸ And the LORD said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' ⁹ So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Reader: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: 98

¹ Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvellous things, *
whose mighty hand and holy arm have won the victory.

² O Lord, you have made known the victory; *
you have openly shown your righteousness in the sight of the nations.

³ You remember your mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen your victory, O God.

⁴ Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice and sing.

⁵ Sing to the Lord with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.

- ⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before our sovereign, the Lord.
- ⁷ Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- ⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands, *
**and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord,
who is coming to judge the earth.**
- ⁹ In righteousness shall God judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-24

Reader: A reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians,

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.

Reader: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Song
'When I Survey the Wondrous Cross'
Common Praise 386 (tune Rockingham)

**When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the cross of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.**

**See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

The Gospel: John 3:13-17

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

¹³ No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴ And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶ 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷ 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Song *(continued)*

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

Teaching

The Rev. Stephanie Shepard

The Prayers of the People

Leader: In the cross our need meets God's redemption. In confidence and hope, we bring the prayers of our hearts for the transformation of the church and the world. To the bidding 'Lord, in your mercy' please respond 'hear our prayer'.

Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for all who confess the name of Christ crucified. Renew and reform our Church in the way of the cross. Give wisdom and courage to spiritual leaders and communities. We pray for Shane our Primate, John our Archbishop, Benny the bishop of our companion Diocese of Northern Philippines and the parish of San Gabriel in Lubon, and for this parish of Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for all who are being drawn to the light of truth, and all whose paths lead alongside the Christian way. May we find partners in works of compassion, generosity, and justice that reflect Jesus' love. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for those in authority, that the powers of this world be aligned with God's will. We lift up Mark our prime minister, David our premier, Jake our M.P., Jennifer our M.L.A., and Patrick our mayor. We pray for chiefs and councils of the territory on which we live and work and worship. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For all in danger, those far from home, prisoners, exiles, victims of oppression and those in need; that they may find shelter and salvation in the cross. Lord in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For all who are facing trials and difficulties, for those who are sick, for those who are struggling with anxiety and despair. We remember those who have asked us to pray for them by name:

A list may be added here

We lift the names of those on our hearts silently or aloud:

pause

Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: For all who are dying, and for those who mourn. We give thanks that your servants who have finished their life on earth are at rest, especially... Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray to be forgiven our sins and set free from all that binds us. May all our burdens and fears be left at the foot of the cross. Lord, in your mercy,

All: Hear our prayer.

Leader: Accept our prayers, God of mercy, in union with Jesus the Christ, who offered his life for our salvation upon the wood of the cross and who now reigns with you in eternal glory forever and ever.

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

'In Christ Alone'- S. Townsend & K. Getty

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**In Christ alone, my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness
scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
the wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine
bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death:
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from His hand.
Till He returns or calls me home
here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Let us pray,

**All: Merciful God,
 Through the death of your beloved Son
 You transformed an instrument of shame
 Into a sign of hope and glory.
 Receive all we offer you this day,
 And renew in us the mystery of this love,
 Through the same Jesus Christ, the Lord of Glory. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

EP 3

‘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: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who for our sins was lifted high upon the cross, that he might draw the whole world to himself. By his suffering and death, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who put their trust in him. Therefore with all the host of heaven who gather around your throne and the Lamb, 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: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All: we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Presider: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

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

'My Faith Looks Up to Thee'
Common Praise 551 (tune Olivet)

**My faith looks up to thee,
thou Lamb of Calvary, Saviour divine,
Now hear me while I pray: take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day be wholly thine.**

**May thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire.
As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee,
pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.**

**While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrows tears away,
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.**

**When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold sullen stream shall o'er me roll,
Blest Saviour, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul.**

Anthem

'Worthy is the Lamb' by Manalo

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HTC Choir

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Prayers after Communion

Presider: Let us pray:

**All: Almighty God,
We give you thanks that you have made us partakers
Of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who took our nature upon him
And suffered death upon the cross for our redemption;
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever. 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

'To God be the Glory'

Common Praise 371 (tune God be the Glory)

**To God be the glory, who great things has done!
God so loved the world, freely sending the Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

***Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear God's voice.
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give God the glory, who great things has done!***

**O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God:
that when the offender, repenting, believes,
through Jesus' atonement, God's pardon receives.**

Refrain

**Great things God has taught us, great things God has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our gladness when Jesus we see!**

Refrain

The Dismissal

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

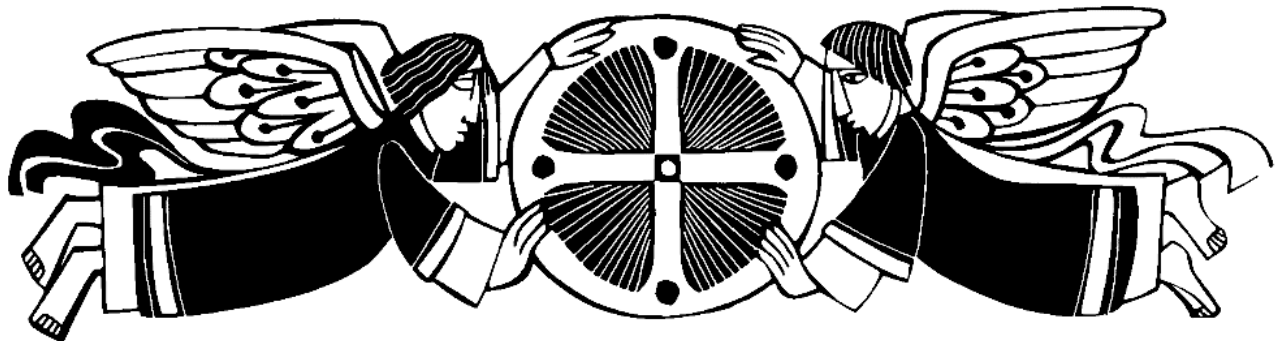
All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude



Liturgical Ministers today

Greeter & worship assistant, 8:00 am:	Robert Rothwell
Greeters, 10 am:	Kate Abel & Geoff Clements
Reader:	Shawn Shenfield
Chalice Administrators:	Sybil Collett & Carol Murdoch
Presider & Preacher:	The Rev. Stephanie Shepard
Server:	Greg Kennelly
Crucifer:	Linda Gravlin
Music Director:	Kyumin Lee



THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

Tuesday Series 'For the Beauty of the Earth', 7-8:30 pm in 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+

Thursday Choir Rehearsal, 7:30 – 9 pm in the Cathedral

Saturday Community Brunch, 11 am- noon in the Hall

Sunday BCP Eucharist, 8-9 am.*

Sunday Choral Eucharist, 10-11:15 am*

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Next week's Readings for Pentecost 15, September 21, 2025:

Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 29; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13