

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
Season of Creation - Week 2



September 14, 2025
10:30 am

“The proper focus is not humanity but creation in its entirety.
Atonement and reconciliation require alignment of human awareness
with all of God’s manifestation, rather than dominion over it.”

*Elizabeth A. Johnson’s Creation and the Cross:
The Mercy of God for a Planet in Peril:*

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.

Kids Church is offered during the 10:30 am service.
The children will be dismissed part way through.

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 - *Glory in the Cross* (S&S 313)



Holy Thursday
(Vss. 1-4)

1. Let us ev - er glo - ry in the cross of Christ, our sal -
2. Let us make our jour - ney to the cross of Christ, who sur -
3. Let us tell the sto - ry of the cross of Christ as we
4. Let us stand to - geth - er at the cross of Christ where we



1. va - tion and — our hope. Let us bow in hom-age to the
2. ren - dered glo - ry and grace to be - come a ser - vant of the
3. share this heav - en - ly feast. We be - come one bod - y in the
4. see God's bound - less love. We are saints and sin - ners who are



1. Lord of Life, who was bro - ken to make us whole. There is
2. great and small, that all peo - ple may know God's face. Though his
3. blood of Christ, from the great to the ver - y least. When we
4. joined by faith here on earth and in heav'n a - bove. Nei - ther



1. no great - er love, as bless - ed as this: to lay down one's
2. birth was di - vine, he knelt as a slave, to wash com - mon
3. eat of this bread, and drink of this cup, we hon - or the
4. wom - an nor man, not ser - vant or free, but one in the



1. life for a friend.
 2. dust from our feet.
 3. death of the Lord.
 4. eyes of the Lord.
- } Let us ev - er glo - ry in the cross of Christ and the



- 1-4. tri - umph of God's great love.

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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 Living God,
in the Cross of Christ you transform suffering
into healing and death into life.
Lift high the Cross in our lives and in creation,
that all may be drawn into your redeeming love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Back to School Blessing *(see insert)*

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 4:11-12, 22-28*

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm - *Psalm 14*



1. Fools have said in their hearts, "There is no God."
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.
God looks down from heaven upon us all,
to see if there is any who is wise, if there is one who seeks after God.

Refrain

2. Every one has proved faithless; all alike have turned bad;
there is none who does good; no, not one.
Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers
who eat up my people like bread and do not call upon God? **Refrain**
3. See how they tremble with fear,
because God is in the company of the righteous.
Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted,
but God is their refuge.
Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion!
when God restores the fortunes of the people, Jacob will rejoice
and Israel be glad. **Refrain**

Second Reading - *1 Timothy 1:12-17*

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 15:1-10*

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily Rev. Patricia Ratcliffe

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 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 us,
forgive us all your sins
through the grace of Jesus Christ,
strengthen us in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep us in eternal life. **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.

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 - Canticle of Creation



1. All praise to you, my Lord, in your crea - tures great and small, the
2. All praise to you, my Lord, in the can - yons wide and deep, the
3. All praise to you, my Lord, in the gran - deur of the sky, the
4. All praise to you, my Lord, in the won - ders of the sea, the
5. All praise to you, my Lord, in the pass - ing of the years, for



1. lark that sings to wak - en us, might - y moun - tains tall, the
2. fields that feed and fill our homes, trees where birds can sleep, the
3. stars that keep their watch at night, realms where ea - gles fly, the
4. whale that sings its no - ble hymn, dol - phins danc - ing free, the
5. all our jour - neys old and new, all our joys and tears, for



1. sun that guides the day, the moon that shep - herds our way. Be
2. rain that grows the seed, the hand that an - swers our need. Be
3. fire that keeps us warm, the calm that fol - lows a storm. Be
4. wind that fills the sail, the peal of thun - der and hail. Be
5. love that we have known, for death that wel - comes us home. Be



1-5. praised, my Lord, in all things. *Si - gno - re, lau - da - to si'.

Translation: Praise to You, my Lord

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider God of the Cross,

**All accept the bread and wine we offer,
and the daily sacrifices of our lives.**

**May these gifts bear witness to your redeeming love,
and become a source of life for the world,
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 bed was
a feed trough. He was baptized into the Jordan, tested in
the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables
of famers 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**₁

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 - *Song of the Cross* (S&S 315)

Refrain

Love lift-ed on the cross for me: my Lord, my God, my sal -
 va - tion. Love lift-ed high to set me free: my
 Lord, my God, my sal - va - tion. 1 2-4 to Verses

Final

va - tion. va - tion.

Verses

1. Be - hold the wood of the cross, _____
 2. O be ex - alt - ed, O God, _____
 3. Give glo - ry to the _____ Fa - ther,

1. be - hold the lamb _____ that was slain.
 2. a - bove the heav - ens and the earth.
 3. give glo - ry to _____ the _____ Son,

1. Be - hold your king _____ comes vic - to - ri - ous,
 2. For by your cross and res - ur - rec - tion
 3. give glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it;

to Refrain

1. be - hold he has ris - en a - gain.
 2. you have re - deemed _____ the world.
 3. give glo - ry _____ to the Ho - ly One.

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Communion Hymn - *Take Up Our Cross*

Verses

1. Be-hold the wood that bears our name;
 2. ♪ We em-brace the sac - ri - fice,

1. be - hold the nails that hold our sin.
 2. and walk the path we can - not see.

1. The tree from which sal - va - tion blooms;
 2. ♪ The bur - dens of this world made light;

1. the death by which we're born a - gain.
 2. by blood and thorn we are re - deemed.

Refrain

We take up our cross and fol - low him; we
 lay down our lives that we might live. We
 car - ry the hope of Christ with-in; we take up our cross
 and fol - low him.

1, Final (Fine) to Verse 2 2 to Bridge 3

Bridge

Lift him high, lift him high; let his name be glorified.

Lift him high, lift him high; let his name be glorified. **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 the Cross,

All you have drawn us into your redeeming love.

May we take up our cross with courage

and serve you with joy,

for the healing of the world you made,

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 - *Lift High the Cross* (VU 151)



2. Led on their way by this tri-um-phante sign, The

3. Each new-born ser-vant of the Cru-ci-fied Bears

4. O Lord, once lift-ed on the glo-rious tree, Your

5. So shall our song of tri-umphant ev-er be: Praise



King vic-to-rious, Christ, the Son of God.
hosts of God in con-qu'ring ranks com-bine.
on the brow the seal of him who died.
death has bought us life e-ter-nal-ly.
to the Cru-ci-fied for vic-to-ry!

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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 provided by
Glen and Bonnie Tracey, in loving memory of
Glen's parents; Bill and Barb Tracey, on the
anniversary of their wedding (*Sept 7, 1957*)



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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.

Kitchen Clean-up

A group are going to be cleaning up, and cleaning out, the kitchen on Thursday, September 18, 2025. Please remove any items from the kitchen that are yours and you want to keep. Otherwise, the group will be getting the kitchen ready for the Fall.



"Come for a bike ride with the After Church Gang"
TODAY! Sunday Sept 14, at 2pm.

The starting location is the same as last time
- at the end of 'Old Dewdney Trunk Frontage Rd'



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.

Senior Men's Lunch

Next date: Thursday, September 18, 2025

11:30 - 1:00 pm



The senior men meet once a month at

Ricky's Country Restaurant,

100 Schoolhouse Street

for good food and conversation.

In order for the restaurant to know how many to expect for the
lunch, please contact Bruce Middleton, or the church office

@ 604-936-5423 or office@saintlaurence.ca if you are planning on
attending.

- **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.



TIME 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM.
DOORS OPEN AT 6:30 PM
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED



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See Dale Lintott or contact the church office
for more information,

IgnYte Events

Wed., Sept. 17 - ignYte @ St. L

Sat., Sept. 20 - ignYte @ GSL Block Party

Wed., Sept. 24 - ignYte @ GSL

Fri., Oct. 3 - 604 Tri-Cities Worship Night



New Jr. Youth Sunday Program

This year, St. Laurence is offering a Jr. Youth class designed for kids from **6th-9th grade!** We'll be meeting monthly on Sundays during the 10:30 service, **starting Sept. 21.**