

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
Truth & Reconciliation Sunday



Season of Creation - Week 4
September 28, 2025
10:30 am

“Hope is not a thing of feathers. It is the land, the songs of the
ancestors rising through our feet.”

*Cree poet Louise Bernice Halfe – Sky Dancer, from her collection Burning in This
Midnight Dream, written in response to the Truth and Reconciliation process*

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.

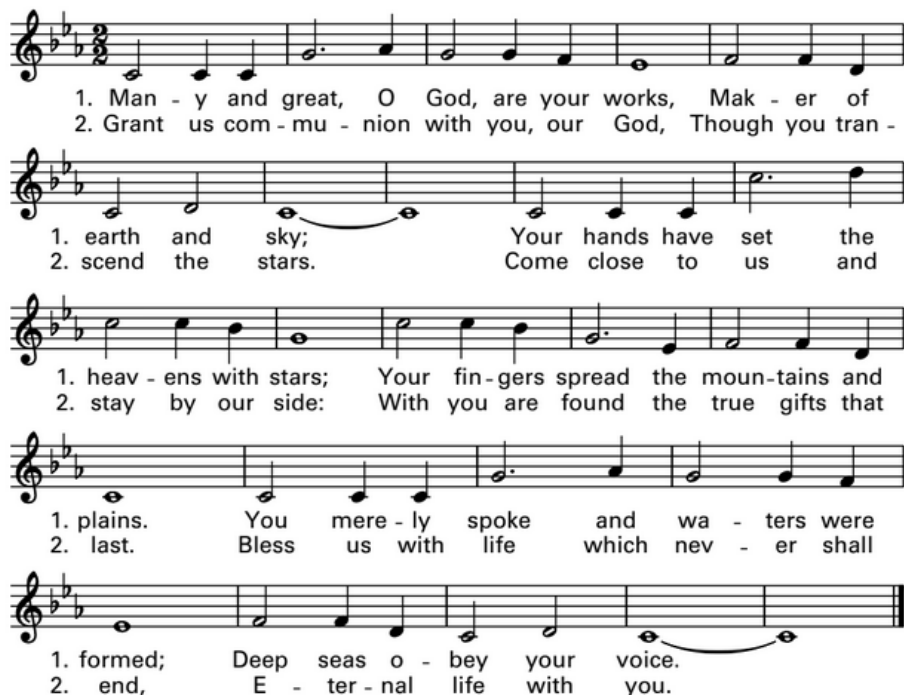
Presider The heavens declare the glory of God.

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 - *Many and Great* (VU 308)



1. Man - y and great, O God, are your works, Mak - er of
 2. Grant us com - mu - nion with you, our God, Though you tran -

1. earth and sky; Your hands have set the
 2. scend the stars. Come close to us and

1. heav - ens with stars; Your fin - gers spread the moun - tains and
 2. stay by our side: With you are found the true gifts that

1. plains. You mere - ly spoke and wa - ters were
 2. last. Bless us with life which nev - er shall

1. formed; Deep seas o - bey your voice.
 2. end, E - ter - nal life with you.

Text: 96 99 96; Wakantanka tuki nitawa; Dakota hymn; para. by Phillip Frazier, 1892–1964.
 Music: Dakota Odowan, 1879.

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 Faithful God,
you call us to hope even in the face of despair.
Plant within us the seeds of your future,
that we may live as signs of your kingdom,
trusting your promises for creation and for all people,
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

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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**

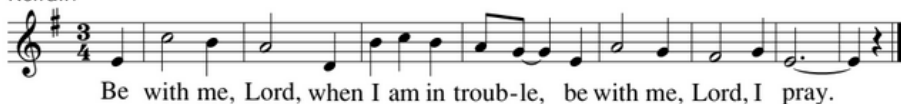
First Reading - *Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15*

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm - *Psalm 91 - Be With Me*

Refrain



1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, Most High,
who abide in the shadow of our God,
say to the Lord: "My refuge and fortress,
the God in whom I trust." **Refrain**
2. No evil shall befall you, no pain come near,
for the angels stand close by your side,
guarding you always and bearing you gently,
watching over your life. **Refrain**
3. Those who cling to the Lord live secure in God's love,
lifted high, those who trust in God's name,
call on the Lord, who will never forsake you.
God will bring you salvation and joy. **Refrain**

Text: Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 14-15; Marty Haugen
Music: Marty Haugen © 1980, GIA Publications, Inc.

Second Reading - *1 Timothy 6:6-19*

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 16:19-31*

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 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 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.**

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 - Canticle of the Sun (BG 342)

Refrain



The heav - ens are tell - ing the glo - ry of God,
and all cre - a - tion is shout - ing for joy. Come,
dance in the for - est, come, play in the field, and
sing, sing to the glo - ry of the Lord.

Verses



1. Praise for the sun, the bring - er of day, He car - ries the
2. Praise for the wind that blows through the trees, The seas might - y
3. Praise for the rain that wa - ters our fields, And bless - es our
4. Praise for the fire who gives us his light, The warmth of the
5. Praise for the earth who makes life to grow, The crea - tures you
6. Praise for our death that makes our life real, The knowl - edge of
light of the Lord in his rays; The moon and the stars who
storms, the gen - tl - est breeze; They blow where they will, they
crops so all the earth yields; From death un - to life her
sun to bright - en our night; He danc - es with joy, his
made to let your life show; The flow - ers and trees that
loss that helps us to feel; The gift of your - self, your
D.C.
light up the way Un - to your throne.
blow where they please To please the Lord.
mys - t'ry re - vealed Springs forth in joy.
spir - it so bright, He sings of you.
help us to know The heart of love.
pres - ence re - vealed To lead us home.

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider God of promise,

**All receive these gifts as signs of our hope.
Bless them for the work of justice and reconciliation,
that all people and all creation may share in your future,
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 farmers and seeds, labour 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 honour and glory are yours, Creator, Christ and Spirit,
now and forever. **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 - *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 - *The Body of Christ* (OCP 919)

Verses

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.

Refrain

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.

Communion Hymn - *Hold On to Love* (OCP 244)



- 1a. 7 There is a place for the sad - ness.
 1b. When pain and con - fu - sion seem end - less,
 2a. When ter - ror and fear o - ver-whelm us,
 2b. When vi - o - lence seeks to de - stroy us,
 3a. When ha - tred is used to di - vide us,
 3b. When pre - ju - dice pos - es as free - dom,



- 1a. Hold on to Love. There is a sea - son of glad-
 1b. hold on to Love. We cul - ti - vate heal - ing through kind-
 2a. hold on to Love. Cour-age and faith will sus - tain
 2b. hold on to Love. Acts of com-pas - sion re - store
 3a. hold on to Love. Wis-dom and truth re - u - nite
 3b. hold on to Love. Dig - ni - ty means "all are wel-



- 1a. - ness. Hold on to Love.
 1b. - ness. Hold on to Love.
 2a. us. Hold on to Love.
 2b. us. Hold on to Love.
 3a. us. Hold on to Love.
 3b. - come!" Hold on to Love.



Hold on to Love, where hope is found. Hold on to Love,



where joy a - bounds. Hold on to Love,



where grace and mer - cy's o - ver - flow - ing.



Hold on to Love.

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 promise,

**All you have fed us with the bread of hope.
May we live as signs of your future,
trusting your word and working for your kingdom,
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 - *God of the Sparrow* (NCH 32)



1. God of the spar - row God of the whale
 2. God of the earth - quake God of the storm
 3. God of the rain - bow God of the cross
 4. God of the hun - gry God of the sick
 5. God of the neigh - bor God of the foe
 6. God of the a - ges God near at hand



God of the swirl - ing stars
 God of the trum - pet blast
 God of the emp - ty grave
 God of the prod - i - gal
 God of the prun - ing hook
 God of the lov - ing heart



How does the crea - ture say Awe
 How does the crea - ture cry Woe
 How does the crea - ture say Grace
 How does the crea - ture say Life
 How does the crea - ture say Peace
 How do your chil - dren say Joy



How does the crea - ture say Praise
 How does the crea - ture cry Save
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks
 How does the crea - ture say Life
 How does the crea - ture say Peace
 How do your chil - dren say Home

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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 by
Shirley Stockdill, in thanksgiving for all
those who 'love'.



Sunday, October 5 - NEXT SUNDAY Blessing of the Animals

Blessing of
the Animals



On Sunday October 5, we will be doing a
Blessing of the Animals during the
10:30 am service.

You are welcome to bring your pets to church, where they will be
blessed during the service. *(or after if your pet does not play well with
others)*

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Monday - Friday

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.

IgnYte Events

- Wed., Oct. 1** ignYte @ St. L
Fri., Oct. 3 604 Tri-Cities Worship Night
Wed., Oct. 8 ignYte @ GSL
Wed., Oct. 15 ignYte @ St. L
Sun., Oct. 19 Fall Outing



After Church Gang

Come for a refreshing walk around Sasamat Lake on
Oct 5, 2:00 pm, with the After Church Gang.

We'll be meeting up at the back church parking lot at 2pm on Oct 5, then carpooling to White Pine Beach parking lot. The walk is about 3-4 km, with about 40m elevation. We'll be walking and chatting. We expect to be back at the church around 4:15pm.

If you're interested, email the office, office@saintlaurence.ca, and we'll add you to the group.

Here is the link to the trail

https://www.alltrails.com/trail/canada/british-columbia/sasamat-lake?sh=enc4kl&utm_medium=trail_share&utm_source=alltrails_virality



"Fallen leaves on the ground are the golden song of immortal creativity."

Amit Ray