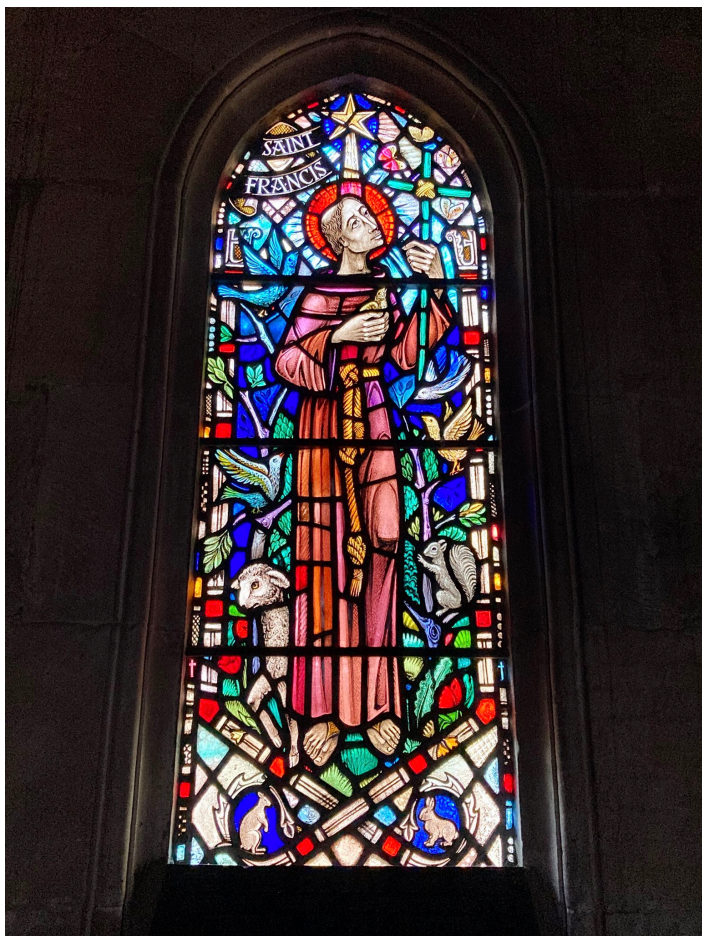


SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
Blessing of the Animals



October 5, 2025
10:30 am

“Creation is not a backdrop for the human journey; it is the journey.”

*Ilia Delio, OSF (Franciscan sister and theologian),
Care for Creation (2008), p. 23*

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 leave for age appropriate activities part way through.

Children are also welcome to stay at the activity table.

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 gifts.

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

Presider Every good and perfect gift comes from above.

All We give thanks with grateful hearts.

Presider All we are and all we have is a gift.

All We offer ourselves to God's service.

Gathering Hymn - *For the Beauty of the Earth* (NCH 28)

1. For the beauty of the earth
For the splendor of the skies
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies

Refrain

God of all, to you we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise

2. For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night
Hill and vale, and tree and flower
Sun and moon, and stars of light ***Refrain***

3. For the joy of human love
Brother, sister, parent, child
Friends on earth, and friends above
For all gentle thoughts and mild ***Refrain***

4. For the good that love inspires
For a world where none exclude
For a faith that never tires
And for every heart renewed ***Refrain***

Folliot S. Pierpoint Music: Conrad Kocher

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 of all creation,
you made the animals to share our world
and entrusted us with their care.
Teach us to treat every living thing with kindness,
to cherish the gift of life, and to join our voices
with all creation in praising you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing of the Animals

*At this time, those who have brought animals or pictures
are invited to come forward with them for blessing.*

Celebrant Blessed are you, O God of all creation;
you have made the earth and all that lives upon it.
We thank you for the gift of animals -
for their companionship, their trust,
and the joy they bring to our lives.

All Blessed be God forever.

*(laying or extending a hand toward each animal
as they are presented)*

Celebrant *[Name of the animal,]*
the eye of our Creator be upon you,
and the love of Christ surround you.
May you bring delight to those you live with
and find joy in the life God has given you.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us continue in worship,
giving thanks for the goodness of creation
and the love of God made known in Christ.

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.

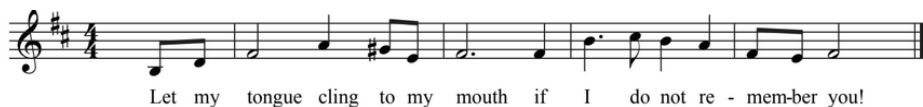
All Our hearts and minds are open.

First Reading - *Lamentations 1:1-6*

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm - Psalm 137



1. By the rivers of Babylon—
there we sat down and there we wept
when we remembered Zion.
On the willows there we hung up our harps. Refrain
2. For there our captors
asked us for songs,
and our tormentors asked for mirth,
saying, “Sing us one of the songs of Zion!” Refrain
3. How could we sing the Lord’s song
in a foreign land?
If I forget you, O Jerusalem,
let my right hand wither! Refrain
4. Let my tongue cling to the roof of my mouth,
if I do not remember you,
if I do not set Jerusalem
above my highest joy.

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Second Reading - 2 Timothy 1:1-14

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying

All Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Reading

Gospel Acclamation



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

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel – *Luke 17:5-10*

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 -
hoarding what was meant to be shared
and neglecting to live with gratitude and generosity.
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.**¹

Sharing of the Peace

Presider The peace of Christ is God's gift -
reconciling us to one another
and opening our lives to generosity.
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 - Make Me a Channel (OCP 442)


Verses 1, 2, 4



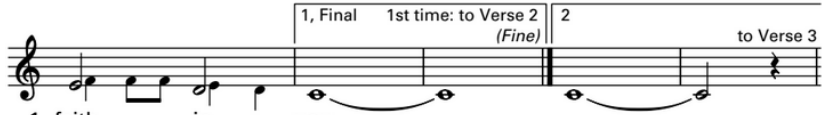
1. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there is ha-tred,
 2. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where there's de-spair in
 4. Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It is in par-don-



1. let me bring your love. _____ Where there is in - ju -
 2. life, let me bring hope. _____ Where there is dark-ness -
 4. ing that we are par-doned, _____ In giv-ing of our -




1. ry, your par-don, Lord, And where there's doubt, true
 2. _____ on - ly light, And where there's sad - ness
 4. selves that we re - ceive, And in dy - ing that we're



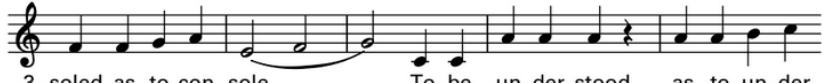
1, Final 1st time: to Verse 2 (Fine) 2 to Verse 3

1. faith in you. 2. joy.
 2. ev - er
 4. born to e - ter - nal life.

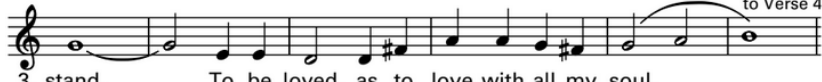
Verse 3



3. O Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek So much to be con-



3. soled, as to con-sole, To be un-der-stood, as to un-der-



3. stand, To be loved, as to love, with all my soul. to Verse 4

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Giver of every good gift,
All **accept the offerings we bring -
bread and wine, our work and our lives.
Bless them for your service
and use them for the good of 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**

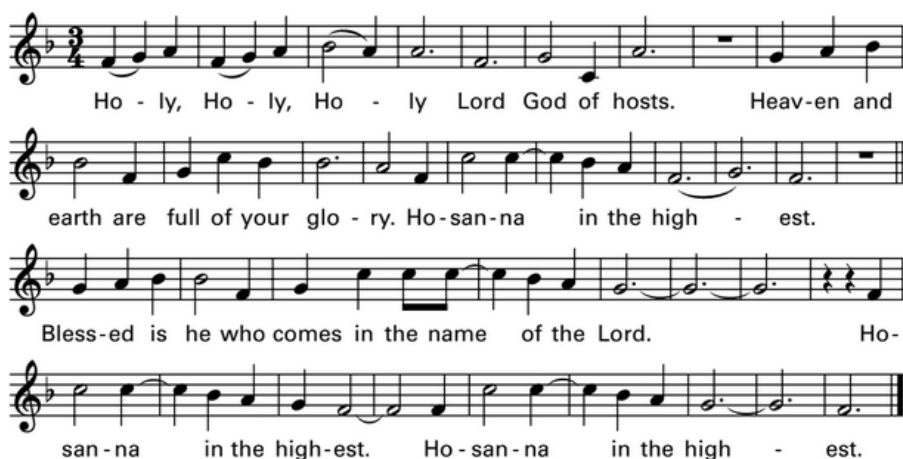
Presider It is right at all times and in all places to thank
and praise you Creator of all.
We praise you here on this Coast Salish land where the
Fraser River meets the Salish Sea, where city and farm,
wilderness and industry are side by side.
We praise you at a time when the body of earth
is broken 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 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



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The Invitation

Presider This is Christ's table, where 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 - *Many and Great* (OCP 353)

Verses



1. Man - y and great are bear - ers of the Word: the Christ
2. Man - y and great are seeds up - on the field: the hand
3. Man - y and great are voic - es of de - spair: the rain
4. Man - y and great are peb - bles in the sand: the sun



1. speaks; the heart seeks. Gath - ered as one, we
2. sows; the seeds grow. Take now and eat the
3. falls; the voice calls. Take now and drink the
4. glows; the wind blows. Take now and spread the



1. lis - ten to the Word and share the meal of new birth.
2. cov - e - nant ful - filled, the bread of prom - ise and life.
3. wine of hope and care; our cup of bless - ing we share.
4. Word to ev - 'ry land, the Word of good - ness and hope.

Refrain



The wheat grows from spring-time to fall; the wine flows; in



Christ we re - call the shar - ing of our lives with one and all.

Communion Hymn - *As the Deer*

VERSE

♩ = 74 D A/C# A Bm D/A G A7sus A7 D2sus D

1. As the deer pant-eth for the wa-ter, so my soul long-eth af-ter Thee.
 2. You're my friend and You are my broth-er e-ven though You are a King.
 3. I want You more than gold or sil-ver. On-ly You can sat-is-fy.

A/C# A Bm D/A G A G/A D D/C#

You a-lone are my heart's de-si-re, and I long to wor-ship Thee.
 I love You more than an-y oth-er, so much more than an-y-thing.
 You a-lone are the real joy-giv-er and the ap-ple of my eye.

CHORUS

Bm Bm/A G A/G D/F# G Bm/F# Em Em7 F#sus F# F#E

You a-lone are my strength, my shield; to You a-lone may my spir-it yield.

D A/C# A Bm D/A G A G/A D

You a-lone are my heart's de-si-re, and I long to wor-ship Thee.

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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 at this holy table.

**Send us out to love and serve all creation,
that the whole earth may know your peace,
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 every good gift bless you.

May Christ, the living Word,
guide you in faithfulness and love.

May the Holy Spirit fill you with gratitude and generosity,
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 - *It's a Song of Praise to the Maker (MV 30)*

1. It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the thrush sings high in the tree
It's a song of praise to the Maker,
the gray whale sings in the sea
And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice
to the holy cry
And sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.
2. It's a call of life to the Giver
when waves and waterfalls roar
It's a call of life to the Giver
when high tides break on the shore
And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice
to the holy cry
And sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.
3. It's a hymn of love to the Lover
the bumblebees hum along
It's a hymn of love to the Lover,
the summer breeze joins the song.
And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice
to the holy cry
And sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.
4. It's the chorus of all creation,
it's sung by all living things
It's the chorus of all creation,
a song the universe sings
And by the Spirit you and I can join our voice
to the holy cry
And sing, sing, sing to the Maker too.

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Minister Go in peace to cherish Creation,
loving and serving the Creator.

All Thanks be to God.

The flowers on the altar are given by Bronwyn Hackett, in gratitude for the clergy who have faithfully served this Parish, since its founding, and continue to this present day: past, retired, interim, honorary, recent and present.



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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!

Book Club

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

Next Meeting - October 14, 2025

New members are always welcome!

Book Club selections for 2025 are available on the website



Senior Men's Lunch

Next date: Thursday, October 16, 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.

After Church Gang

Come for a refreshing walk around Sasamat Lake on **TODAY - 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.

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



*"All creatures under heaven serve, know, and obey their Creator, each according to its own nature, better than you."*₃

— Francis of Assisi, Admonitions, XXV