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The Gathering of the Community

Words of Welcome and Acknowledgment

We give thanks that we live, work, play, and worship on the traditional and unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples including the Katzee, Tsawwassen, Semiahmoo and Kwantlen Nations. May our words and our actions reflect our awareness and appreciation.

Processional Hymn: CP 444 Your Hand, O God, has Guided

The Gathering of the Community

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

And also with you.

Almighty God,
**to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.**
**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Children's Focus

Gloria: CP 366

**Glory in the highest glory, peace to all, in all their days.
Worship, thanks, and praise unceasing to the source of all we raise:**

**reigning in the sapphire height, hidden from our mortal sight,
now receive our adoration, as we make our supplication.**

**Jesus Christ, the world's redeemer, Lamb of God, for sinners given,
Word eternal, born of Mary, Word made flesh, the face of heaven:
holy one, to you we pray, hear us in the realms of day,
with the Spirit there united, and the God-head high exulted.**

Kyrie Confession

Holy God, you come to meet us when we return to you:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Jesus, you died on the cross for our sins:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Spirit, you give us life and peace:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Collect

Almighty and everliving God,
**increase in us your gift of faith,
that forsaking what lies behind
and reaching out to what is before,
we may run the way of your commandments
and win the crown of everlasting joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 31: 27-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah,

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals. And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord. In those days they shall no longer say: "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge." But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt - a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the Lord," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Listen to what the spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 119: 97-104

Oh, how I love your law! all the day long it is in my mind.

Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, and it is always with me.

I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my study.

I am wiser than the elders, because I observe your commandments.

I restrain my feet from every evil way, that I may keep your word.

I do not shrink from your judgements, because you yourself have taught me.

How sweet are your words to my taste! they are sweeter than honey to my mouth.

Through your commandments I gain understanding; therefore I hate every lying way.

Glory to God, Source of all Being, Eternal Word, and Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3: 14- 4.5

A Reading from the second letter of Paul to Timothy,

As for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it, and how from childhood you have known the sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work. In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the

truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

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Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: CP 573 O Day of Peace

Gospel: Luke 18: 1-8

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Homily:

The Reverend Dr. Rob James

Affirmation of Faith:

Please rise as you are able.

Let us declare our faith in God,
We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.

We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

How often have I longed to gather your children,
as a hen gathers her brood under her wings,' says the Lord,
'but you would not come to me.'
Let us return to God and confess our sins.

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

Please rise as you are able

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.
The peace of the triune God be always with you
and also with you.

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: CP 61 As We Gather at Your Table

Prayer over the Gifts

Please Remain Standing

Eternal God,
your word inspires our faith.
May we who offer you our praise

trust you in all things.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord . Amen

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting love. And so, with St. Helen, and all the choirs of angels with the church on earth and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy God, you alone are holy,

you alone are God. The universe declares your praise:

beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath.

We praise you, O God.

Generations bless your faithfulness:

through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile;
into the future.

We bless you, O God.

We give you thanks for your dear Son:

at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among
the poor; with us now

We thank you, O God.

In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it,
and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat;
this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup
is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people
for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering his love for us on the way, at the table, and at the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We pray for the gift of your Spirit; in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world. Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today 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 for ever. Amen.**

The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

Please proceed to the altar for communion as directed. Communion is offered in both bread and wine. If you only wish to receive the bread, you may touch the base of the chalice or give a slight bow in reverence to the Sacrament after receiving the bread

Prayer after Communion

Please Rise as you are able

**God of peace,
you have nourished us in this sacrament
with the body and blood of Christ.
May we who have taken holy things
keep faith in our hearts and lives,**

in the name of Jesus Christ, the Lord. Amen.

The Doxology

Glory to God

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.

Community Announcements

The Blessing

May the Lord Jesus who serves with wounded hands, teach you to serve others.

May the Lord Jesus who walks with wounded feet, walk with you to the end of your road.

May the Lord Jesus who loves with a wounded heart, be your love forever.

Whenever you go out, may you see the face of Jesus in everyone you meet, and may they see the face of Jesus in you.

And the Blessing of the God of Hope, the God of Compassion, and the God of Life be with you and those you care for, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: CP 505 Be Thou My Vision

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Notices and Prayer List for the week beginning October 19,2025

To assist the office, please ensure that any items for the Notices are received

before Noon on Thursday.

The flowers at the altar this morning are given to the glory of God by Ler Pwe Moo in celebration of his birthday.

We pray for the whole Anglican Church of Canada – we pray especially for our primate, Archbishop Shane Parker.

Anglican Communion – We pray for the Episcopal Church

In our Diocesan Cycle: We pray for Rt. Rev'd. John Stephens, Archbishop, Robin our Rector, and Stephen our Deacon. We also pray for St. Hildegard's Sanctuary @ St Faith, Vancouver – The Revd Melanie Calabrigo and the children and youth of our church, and those ministries by, with and for them: The Diocesan Youth Movement and parish youth leaders

We pray for our own twinned parish of Holy Apostles, Abatan, and their priest, Father Joey Napat-a.

In all these prayers for the church near and far, we pray for the people and clergy and for the ministries flowing from these places into the communities.

In our Parish Cycle we pray for Sybil Smith and Erwin Sotana. We pray for their work, ministry, and families here and away.

Notices

Claiming Sabbath - Is the theme for our Book Study this Fall. Using insights and wisdom from Walter Brueggemann's book, "Sabbath as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now." we will explore how systems, organisations and people can re-learn the gift of Sabbath—rest. Join us on the following Sundays in the church, **October 26, November 2 & 9 @ 8:30am**. Please let Fr. Robin or the Church Office know if you are interested in attending. The book can be purchased via Amazon and is available on Kindle and other e-readers. Be sure to purchase the **"New Edition with Study Guide."**

Call for Coffee Fellowship Team There is a pressing need for a new additional team for after church coffee leadership. Please contact John Palmer or a Warden.

Christmas Market - our biggest fund raiser of the year is on Saturday, December the 6th from 11:00 to 3:00. Raffle tickets will be on sale starting next Sunday, October 26 th. Posters will be available shortly. Start thinking about what you will make for the bake table. For more info and questions talk to Jacquie Stinson, 604-517-4661.

Surrey Food Bank is the largest food bank in Canada. The donations are down and the need is up. We need to help. People were asked to bring cans of soup this Sunday and next Sunday we will concentrate on noodles. These aren't expensive items so hopefully everyone can help.

Lunch Bunch The next Lunch Bunch is Thursday October 23rd in the hall. Everyone is welcome. The cost is \$ 6.00. Please let Glenda Colquhoun if you plan to attend.

This Week's Ministry Team

Officiant..... The Reverend Dr. Rob James
Preacher.....The Reverend Dr. Rob James
Musician..... Joel Adimathra
Deacon..... The Rev. Stephen Thompson
Crucifer/Servers/Psalmist..... Darrel Shaw
Prayers of the Community..... Jennifer Semenoff
ReadersJanette Bulkan & Catherine Hall
Lay Administration..... Judy Nicholson Angelita Sotana
Greeters Vinu Jacob Maureen Thompson
Livestream Tech..... Zoltan B. Tom B., Simon. L. Ronit V, Ike N. Abdul S
Altar Guild J. Francis, H. Herd & K. Foulds
Fellowship Servers Janette Bulkan & John Palmer, Ler Pwe Moo

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Prayers of the Community..... Lynn Turner
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