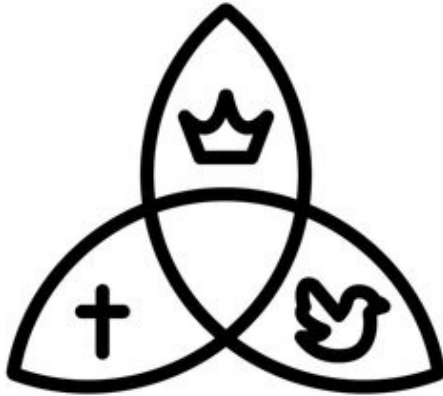


# Christ Church Gabriola

A Collaborative Anglican – United Church  
Open to All



20th Sunday after Pentecost  
Hybrid Worship  
26 October 2025

Presider: The Rev. Deborah van der Goes  
Musician: Lisa Griffith

*We these lands upon which we worship are the traditional, ancestral,  
and unceded territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.*

*Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here!*

## *Words For Worship*

*Words in bold italics, please say together*

Prelude: Where'er You Walk

*Handel*

**Welcome & Gathering** *(adapted from Diocese of BC Liturgy of Islands & Inlets)*

In this time, whether here or home,  
We gather on the ancestral lands of the  
Snuneymuxw First Nation and Coast Salish Peoples

***From many places and many peoples  
we come to this house in prayer***

In this time and in this moment

***We are not alone***

***For we meet in the presence of the living God.***

In this time, right here and right now,  
and in this space

***In the name of the Holy and Blessed One,  
Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit, Amen.***

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.***

**The Collect**

*(BAS Anglican)*

Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the  
mystical body of your Son, grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in  
lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you  
have prepared for those who love you; through you son Jesus Christ our  
Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and forever. **Amen.**

**Hymn: Morning has Broken**

**CP #3**

<sup>1</sup>Morning has broken  
like the first morning,  
blackbird has spoken  
like the first bird.

*(the reader comes forward during the singing)*

Praise for the singing!  
Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them, springing  
fresh from the Word!

<sup>2</sup>Sweet the rain's new fall  
sunlit from heaven,  
like the first dewfall  
on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness  
of the wet garden,  
sprung in completeness  
where God's feet pass.

<sup>3</sup>Mine is the sunlight!  
Mine is the morning  
born of the one light  
Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation,  
praise every morning,  
God's recreation  
of the new day!

### **First Reading**

Reader: Paddy Waymark

By the gift of your Spirit, calm and quiet our souls that we may hear your Word today and be lifted up to walk with you.

### **Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18**

St. Paul's second letter to Timothy

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Message of God

***Thanks be to God***

### **Hymn: Praise to God, Immortal**

<sup>1</sup>Praise to God, immortal praise,  
for the love that crowns our days;  
bounteous Source of every joy,  
let thy praise our tongues employ:

<sup>2</sup>For the blessings of the fields,  
for the stores the garden yields,  
flocks that whiten all the plain;  
yellow sheaves of ripened grain,

<sup>3</sup>all that spring with bounteous hand  
scatters o'er the smiling land,  
all that liberal autumn pours  
from its rich o'erflowing stores.

<sup>4</sup>These, to thee, O God, we owe,  
Source whence all our blessings flow;  
and for these our souls shall raise  
grateful vows and solemn praise.

### **Gospel Reading**

Reader: Deborah van der Goes

*As is your custom, please stand or sit for the reading of the gospel.*

God be with you.

***And also with you***

The Good News of Jesus the Christ according to Luke

***Glory to you, Christ Jesus.***

### **Luke 18:9-14**

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Gospel of Christ

***Thanks be to God***

**Sermon: Our wild and precious life...**

*Silence*

## Affirmation of Faith

(adapted from Anglican Church of Canada)

(the prayer leader comes forward during the Affirmation of Faith)

Let us affirm our Faith.

***The Lord our God, the Lord is one,  
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,  
With all your soul,  
With all your mind,  
And with all your strength.  
This is the first and great commandment.  
The second is like it:  
Love your neighbour as yourself.  
There is no greater commandment than these.***

## Prayers of the People

Betty Schultze

Loving God,

***Hear Our Prayers***

## Life & Work of the Church

### The Peace

(please stand as you are able)

The peace of Christ be with you!

***And also with you!***

(You are invited to turn to those directly around you and share Christ's peace. Those on Zoom, please unmute and share with one another)

## *The Celebration of the Eucharist*

Servers: Susan Brockley and Corinne Carlson

### The Offerings

Let us now gather our offerings

(While offerings are gathered, and the altar is prepared, quiet music is played)

### Offertory Response

(When all is ready at the altar, the monetary offerings are brought to the front and the congregation sings)

### Doxology

CP #669

***Praise God the Source of life and birth,  
Praise God the Word, who came to earth.  
Praise God the Spirit, holy flame.  
All Glory, honour to God's name.***

## Prayer over the Gifts

(BAS adapted DvdG)

God of all love,

We give you thanks for the triumph of Christ in the lives of all his saints.  
Receive all we offer you this day, and help us, like them, to run our course with faith, that we may come to your eternal kingdom.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, whom we love and follow.

***Amen***

## The Great Thanksgiving

(Lutheran Book of Worship)

God 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 all places,  
give thanks and praise to you,  
Almighty and Merciful God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
With all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and hosts in heaven, we praise your holy name and join in their unending hymn.

## Sanctus and Benedictus

CP #719

***Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is.... the One who comes  
In the name of the Lord,  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.***

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

And 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 to remember me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith: **CP #720**  
***Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again! (x2)***

With this bread and cup  
We remember your Word  
Dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth  
In his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.  
***Come Lord Jesus.***

Holy God, We long for your Spirit,  
Come among us. Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people.  
Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.  
***Come Holy Spirit.***

All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy one of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High,  
One God, now and forever.  
***Amen***

**The Breaking of the Bread** *(BAS adapted DvdG)*  
I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.  
***Give us this bread for ever***  
"I am the vine, you are the branches"  
***May we dwell in God, as God dwells within.***

And now as Jesus has taught us, let us sing. **VU #959**  
*(Those assisting with communion move forward during singing of the Lord's prayer)*  
***Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,***  
***Your Kin-dom 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.***

**The Invitation to Share Communion**  
The gifts of God for the people of God.  
***Thanks be to God***

**The Communion** *(gluten free bread is available)*

**Prayer after Communion** *(BAS adapted DvdG)*  
***Creator of all,***  
***Strengthen the unity of your Church,***  
***So that we who have been fed with holy things***  
***May fulfill your will in the world.***  
***We ask this in the name of Jesus***  
***Whom we love and follow. Amen.***

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.***

**Blessing** *(Society of Archbishop Justus – Anglican Church)*  
For you on Zoom, and you whomever  
you may meet this day and in the coming days,  
May Christ shield you in all your ways.  
May the Spirit bring you healing and peace.  
May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you  
and the blessing of Creator, Word, Spirit  
be among you and remain within always.  
***Amen.***

**Hymn: Guide My Feet** **CP #513**

<sup>1</sup>Guide my feet while I run this race; (x3)  
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

<sup>2</sup>Hold my hand while I run this race; (x3)  
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

<sup>3</sup>Stand by me while I run this race; (x3)  
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

<sup>4</sup>I'm your child while I run this race; (x3)  
for I don't want to run this race in vain!

<sup>5</sup>Search my heart while I run this race; (x3)  
for I don't want to run this race in vain!  
(Repeat verse 1)

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude: Nocturne**

*Mendelssohn*

*Two quotes that have been constantly in my mind this week..*

*Our work remains the same*

- *Do Justice*
- *Love Kindness*
- *Walk humbly with God*

*Micah 6:8*

*..and it's more important than ever*

*Anonymous*

## ***Excerpt from “The Summer Day”***

*by Mary Oliver*

*Tell me, what else should I have done?*

*Doesn't everything die at last, and too soon?*

*Tell me, what is it you plan to do*

*With your one wild and precious life?*