

**ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY  
FEBRUARY 8, 2026**



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<b>Church Services:</b>	Sunday	8:00 am	Holy Communion
		10:30 am	Holy Eucharist
	Weekdays (except stats)	8:30 am	Morning Prayer (Zoom)
	Tuesday	7:00 pm	Contemplative Prayer
	Wednesday	11:00 am	Holy Communion
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*Please be aware the 10:30 service may be recorded or livestreamed,  
and your presence in the service is considered your consent to appear on camera.*

**PLEASE MUTE YOUR CELL PHONES DURING THE SERVICE**

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## HOLY EUCHARIST – 10:30 a.m.

*This Eucharistic Liturgy is based on the Anglican Church of Canada Book of Alternative Services & Common Worship Church of England*

### THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

*We commit ourselves to working together in a spirit of reconciliation as we worship and serve on the traditional lands of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.*

Celebrant/Preacher:	Rev. Vernon Foster
Deacon:	Rev. Helen L.
Liturgical Assistant:	Brian H.
Organist:	Freeman D.
Greeters:	Yvonne O., Julia B.
Duty Warden:	Greg Brown

The flowers on the main altar are given by Gayle & Stuart C. to the glory of God and in loving memory of family members.

**Altar Guild Team:** Kathy M., Lynn A.

Refreshment Hour is hosted today by:  
10:30 – Barb C., Dolph P.

**WELCOME (& ANNOUNCEMENTS):** (*you may remain seated during the welcome*)

**OPENING HYMN:** (Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)  
CP 502 You Are Salt for the Earth *BRING FORTH THE KINGDOM*

### GATHERING:

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.  
**And also with you**

L.A. 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.

Rejoice, people of God, and praise the Lord! For the light of Christ is made known among us, revealing God's truth and grace for the world.

#### GLORY TO GOD:

*CP 686 David H.*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

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.

#### CENTERING STILLNESS

Let us pray that we may be strengthened by our communion with Christ,  
whom the faithful recognize as God's promised light, and with all who wait in  
hope for God's salvation.

*(silence)*

#### COLLECT OF THE DAY:

Merciful Lord, grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be  
cleansed from all our sins and serve you with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ  
our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now  
and for ever. Amen.

## THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

**FIRST READING:** Isaiah 58:1-12

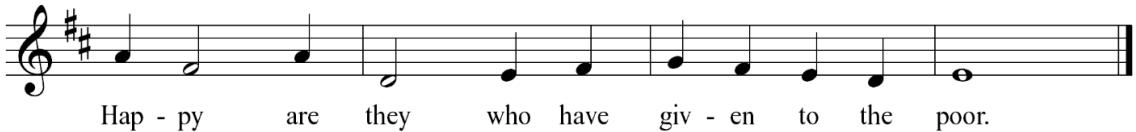
*Julie F.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM:** 112:1-9

*Cantor*



Hap - py are they who have giv - en to the poor.

**SECOND READING:** 1 Corinthians 2:1-12

*Syd G.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL:** (*Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal*)

**CP 394** Eternal, Unchanging (Vs. 1&2)

*ST. BASIL*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, Jesus Christ**

**GOSPEL:** Matthew 5:13-20

The Gospel of Christ.

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**GOSPEL RECESSIONAL:** (*Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal*)

**CP 394** Eternal, Unchanging (Vs.3)

*ST. BASIL*

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

SERMON:

*The Rev. Vernon Foster*

ORGAN SOLO

**A CREED FOR EPIPHANYTIDE:** (*Please stand as you are able*)

L.A. Let us confess our faith, as we say,

**We believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth, who has sent His light into the world.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, the Light of the World.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of Mary.**

**He revealed God's glory through His life, teachings, and miracles.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead. On the third day, He rose again,  
shining the light of victory over sin and death.**

**He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead  
and to bring the fullness of God's kingdom.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the universal Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Beverly M.*

CONFSSION AND ABSOLUTION:

Hear the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ: 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me shall never walk in darkness but shall have the light of life.' Let us therefore bring our sins into his light and confess them in penitence and faith.

*cf John 8.12*

*Silence is kept.*

L.A. 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:**

In the tender mercy of our God the dayspring from on high has broken upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*cf Luke 1.78,79*

The Peace of the Lord be always with you  
And also with you.

#### **THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED**

**OFFERTORY HYMN:** (*Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal*)

**CP 171** What Does the Lord Require

SHARPTHORNE

#### **PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:**

**God of compassion and forgiveness, receive our offering this day, and make us one with him who is our peace, Jesus Christ our Saviour.**

As grain once scattered in the fields and grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now brought together in bread and wine, so, Lord, gather your whole Church from every place into the joy and glory of your kin-dom. Through Jesus Christ, the Living Bread and the True Vine, in whom we are made one body. Amen.

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: (3<sup>rd</sup> Eucharistic Prayer in BAS)

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 and good..... for ever singing the hymn of your glory:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

*CP 735 Schubert*

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, Lord our God ..... according to his command,

**We remember his death  
We proclaim his resurrection  
We await his coming in glory**

and we offer our sacrifice..... all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER:

*David H.*

Believing in the promises of God, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD:

The bread which we break is Christ among us.

**Make us one in him, as we share this bread.**

The gifts of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

## COMMUNION:

*All are welcome to join us for communion. Our practice is to share the wine from a common cup. For health reasons you are asked not to dip the bread wafer into the wine. If you prefer, you may receive just bread. If you do not wish to receive communion, cross your arms in front of you to indicate to the clergy that you would like a blessing instead. We are happy to come to your seat to serve communion if you are unable to come forward – do let the greeter know.*

## COMMUNION HYMN: (*Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal*)

CP 645 Come Down, O Love Divine

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

We give thanks to the Lord for God is Gracious.

**Our Lord's mercy endures forever.**

Let us pray,

**Eternal God, in you we find peace beyond all telling. May we who share in this heavenly banquet be instruments of your peace on earth, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen**

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & TRANSITION OF THE CASAVANT ORGAN CONSOLE

## BLESSING

Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with his grace to trust his promises and obey his will: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

## SENDING FORTH:

Go in peace as salt and light, following Christ with courage and compassion.

**In the name of Christ, Amen**

## SENDING HYMN: (*Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal*)

CP 431 Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said

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