



WE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT AS A PARISH OF THE DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER, WE GATHER ON THE TRADITIONAL AND UNSURRENDERED TERRITORY OF THE HALQ'EMÉYN-SPEAKING COAST SALISH PEOPLES. WE SEEK TO WALK A PATH OF RECONCILIATION AND HEALING WITH ALL.

**10 am Eucharist
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*Whether you have been a lifelong Anglican or are new to our tradition, we welcome you this morning! If you are not familiar with Anglican worship, simply allow the words, music and symbols to speak to you. Participate as fully as you feel comfortable in doing. We stand to sing and sit to listen. Some people kneel for prayer, some sit and some stand. Please do what is comfortable for you. You are invited to join in the words in **bold type**. Music for the songs is found in the blue Common Praise or green Songs for a Gospel People hymnbooks in the pews.*

Prelude

Welcome

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Gathering Hymn

'How Firm a Foundation'

Common Praise 527 (tune Foundation)

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
To you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.**

**When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

**When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient shall be thy supply:
They flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine.**

**The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not- I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never- no never- no never forsake!"**

Greeting

Presider: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Presider: May God's grace and peace be with you.

People: **May God fill our hearts with joy.**

Presider: We gather here from many places on land that is the traditional and unsundered territory of the Halq'emeyn-speaking Coast Salish peoples.

People: May Christ lead us on right pathways as we seek truth and reconciliation in action.

Young People's Time

The Collect of the Day

Presider: Let us pray,

All: **Generous God,
whose life is freely given in Jesus Christ our Lord:
as you have opened for us your house of many rooms,
so may we make a place for the rejected and unloved,
and share in the work of peace;
through Jesus Christ the cornerstone. Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Acts 7:55-60

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles,

⁵⁵ But filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

Reader: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: 31:1-5 & 15-16

¹ In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

² Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me.

⁴ Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

⁵ Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me, O Lord, O God of truth.

¹⁵ My times are in your hand; *
**rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.**

¹⁶ Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me.”

The Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Reader: A reading from the First Letter of Peter,

² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good ⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and ⁵ like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture: ‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’

⁷ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner’, ⁸ and ‘A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.’

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.
⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Reader: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn

'Splendour and Honour'

Common Praise 364 (tune Iste Confessor)

**Splendor and honour, majesty and power,
are yours, O Lord God, fount of every blessing,
for by your bidding was the whole creation
called into being.**

**Praised be the true Lamb, slain for our redemption,
by whose self-offering we are made God's people:
a priestly kingdom, from all tongues and nations,
called to God's service.**

The Gospel: John 14:1-14

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ² In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.' ⁵ Thomas said to Jesus, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' ⁶ Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

⁸ Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' ⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn continued

**To the Almighty, throned in heavenly splendor,
and to the Saviour, Christ our Lamb and Shepherd,
be adoration, praise, and glory given,
now and for ever.**

Teaching

The Rev. Stephanie Shepard

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Let us pray pray in faith to God for the Church and for the world.
To the bidding merciful God, please respond, 'hear our prayer.'

Grant that the Church may always follow in the way of Christ, to proclaim his truth and live his risen life. We remember faith communities that endure persecution and limits to their freedom to worship. We lift up Church leaders who are bold to speak even in the face of opposition and ignorance. Keep all Christian people in service to you, that your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Merciful God,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: As the disciples were led to seek and understand God in prayer, so may those who have authority in this world learn where true wisdom may be found. Remind those in power that their decisions have consequences in this world and the next. We name those places and situations that need peace-makers, prophetic voices, and just dealings...

Merciful God,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: When our hearts are troubled, bless us with faith to seek the strength and assurance that God offers in our homes, communities, and places of work. Bless those in this parish who help by teaching and example to bring others to know and love God. Merciful God,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Hear the prayers of those who cry out for relief in their trials and afflictions. We lift the names of those in need of healing either silently or aloud, especially...
Grant them assurance that Christ, who has gone before them through suffering to glory, is very near to them and will bring them safely through. Merciful God,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: We ask God's forgiveness for the ways we have hurt others or stood by while wrongs are done. We pray for those who, like Saul, misunderstand the way of righteousness. Merciful God,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: We give thanks for all who have died and come to the place which Christ has prepared for them. We pray that we may so follow him in this world that we too shall find a room in the Father's home. Merciful God,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray in the name of Christ, who is our Way, our Truth, and our Life.

All: Amen.

The Exchange of the Peace

Presider: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of God's peace with your neighbours, respecting their comfort with distance and touch.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offering Hymn

'Christ is Made the Sure Foundation'

Common Praise 300 (tune Westminster Abbey)

**Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious,
binding all the Church in one;
holy Zion's help for ever,
and her confidence alone.**

**All that dedicated city,
dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation
pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring
in glad hymns eternally.**

**To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with thy wonted loving-kindness
hear thy servants as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls always.**

**Here vouchsafe to all thy servants
what they ask of thee of gain;
what they gain from thee, for ever
with the blessed to retain,
and hereafter in thy glory
evermore with thee to reign.**

**Laud and honor to the Father,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever Three, and ever One,
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run.**

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Let us pray,

**All: Gracious God,
You show us your way
and give us divine life.
May everything we do be directed
by the knowledge of your truth.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen**

The Great Thanksgiving

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Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: male and female you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus
Common Praise 735 (Schubert)

**All: 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!
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!**

Presider: Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, God, the Mother and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Presider: Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy

people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: In the language closest to your heart,
let us pray as Jesus taught us:

You are invited to use either the traditional or contemporary version in English or the language you find most helpful for prayer.

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who
trespass against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done
on earth as in heaven.
Give us this day 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 forever. Amen**

Agnus Dei

Common Praise 747 (Schubert)

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, Redeemer, Redeemer of the world,
Give us your peace, give us your peace.**

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, God bids you welcome to this table. Here we are strengthened for the journey. Here strangers become friends and the seeker finds God's wisdom speaking to them. See who you are and become what you see. These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

The Communion

You are invited to come forward to receive bread and wine. Gluten-free wafers are available. You receive the fullness of Christ's love if you prefer to take one kind (just the bread or the wine). If you would prefer to have a blessing, please let the priest know.

During Communion

'Come My Way, My Truth, My Life'
Common Praise 569 (tune the Call)

**Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
Such a way as gives us breath;
Such a truth as ends all strife,
Such a life as killeth death.**

**Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a light as shows a feast,
Such a feast as mends in length,
Such a strength as makes his guest.**

**Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
Such a joy as none can move,
Such a love as none can part,
Such a heart as joys in love.**

'Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather'
Common Praise 534 (tune Tokyo)

**Here, O Lord, your servants gather, hand we link with hand.
Looking toward our Saviour's cross, joined in love we stand.
As we seek the realm of God, we unite to pray:
Jesus, Saviour, guide our steps, for you are the way.**

**Many are the tongues we speak, scattered are the lands,
yet our hearts are one in God, one in love's demands.
Even in darkness hope appears, calling age and youth.
Jesus, Teacher, dwell with us, for you are the truth.**

**Nature's secrets open wide, changes never cease.
Where, oh where, can weary souls find the source of peace?
Unto all those soe distressed, torn by endless strife,
Jesus, Healer, bring your balm, for you are the life.**

**Grant, O God, an age renewed, filled with deathless love.
Help us as we work and pray, send us from above
truth and courage, faith and power, needed in our strife.
Jesus, Master, be our way, be our truth, our life.**

Anthem - HTC Choir
"Thy World" Renew 94

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Prayers after Communion

Presider: Let us pray:

**All: God of love,
in this eucharist we have heard your truth
and shared in your life.
May we always walk in your way,
In the name of Jesus Christ our truth. 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, now and forever. Amen.**

Announcements

Sending Hymn

'You Call Us, Lord, to Be'

Common Praise 450 (tune Rosymedre)

**You call us, Lord, to be a people set apart,
To feel with thoughtful mind and think with tender heart.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
For faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.**

**You call us, Lord, to care for self and neighbour too,
To take the risk and dare to show what love can do.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
For faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.**

**You call us, Lord, to be good stewards of the earth;
To tend it as a place of blessedness and worth.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
For faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.**

**You call us, Lord, to serve: to die that we may live,
To know we best receive when joyfully we give.
Thus chosen, now, O Lord, we ask
For faith in your unfailing grace
to make us equal to the task.**

The Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia! Alleluia!

All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

In Canada, the first Sunday of May is designated as the "Battle of the Atlantic Sunday" when we remember, and pay tribute to, all who lost their lives at sea during the period 3 September 1939 - 8 May 1945. Allied deaths numbered 72,000 (including servicemen and merchant mariners) and German deaths numbered 30,000. Canadian casualties included 2,000 Royal Canadian Navy sailors; 16,000 merchant mariners from Canada and Newfoundland; 752 Royal Canadian Air Force airmen, and 136 civilians, men, women, and children who died when the ferry SS Caribou was sunk in the Cabot Strait on 14 October 1942. Many of those who died have no gravesite - their bodies were lost to the Atlantic. Their names are commemorated on the Sailor's Memorial in Point Pleasant park in Halifax.



Liturgical Ministers today

Greeter & worship assistant, 8:00 am:	Volunteer
Greeters, 10 am:	Kate Abel & Gerry Stensgaard
Reader:	Rob Smith
Chalice Administrators:	Carol Murdoch & Susan Stensgaard
Presider & Preacher:	The Rev. Stephanie Shepard
Server:	Greg Kennelly
Crucifer:	Linda Gravlin
Guest Musician:	James Dekker & the Holy Trinity Cathedral Choir



THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

Wednesday Midweek Eucharist, 9:30-10 am*

Wednesday Fellowship Time, 10-10:30 am in the Lounge

Wednesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 am in the Lounge

Thursday Vespers, 5:30-6 pm via Zoom+

Saturday Community Brunch, 11 am- noon in the Hall

Sunday BCP Eucharist, 8-9 am.*

Sunday Choral Eucharist, 10-11:15 am.*

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Next Sunday's Readings for Easter 6

Acts 17:12-31; Psalm 66; 1 Peter 3:12-22; John 14:15-21