

**ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH  
SIXTH OF EASTER – May 10, 2026  
MOTHER'S DAY**



Rector: The Rev. Vernon Foster  
Deacon: The Venerable Helen L.  
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**Church Services:**

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.*

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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 and for the Islands and Inlets*

### **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:	The Rev. Vernon Foster
Deacon:	The Venerable Helen L.
Liturgical Assistant:	Mary Jane M.
Organists:	Freeman D.
Greeters:	Yvonne O., Julia B.
Duty Warden:	Lynda A.

The flowers on the main altar are given by Sue G. to the glory of God and in loving  
memory of my mother Florence R. and mother-in-law Sarah G.

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

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

### **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

*(you may remain seated during the welcome)*

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

**CP 205** The Day of Resurrection

*ELLACOMBE*

### **GATHERING:**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

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

May the risen Lord's grace and peace be with you.

**May he fill our hearts with joy.**

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.

**GLORY TO GOD:**       *(see insert)*

*Carl H.*

Glory to God on high, 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.

#### **COLLECT OF THE DAY**

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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:** Acts 17:22-31

*Rick A.*

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM:** 66:7-19

*Cantor*



**SECOND READING:** 1 Peter 3:13-22

*Bonnie W. P.*

Hear what the spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

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

**CP 375** At the Name of Jesus (Vs 1,2,3)

*KINGS WESTON*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John.

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**GOSPEL:** John 14:15-21

*(It is our custom to remain standing for the reading of the gospel. Please stand as you are able)*

The Gospel of Christ.

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

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

**CP 375** At the Name of Jesus (Vs 4,5)

*KINGS WESTON*

**SERMON:**

*The Rev. Vernon Foster*

**AFFIRMING OUR CHRISTIAN NARRATIVE**

**We believe and trust in God the Father Almighty. We believe and trust in Jesus Christ, his Son. We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit. We believe and trust in the Three in One.** *(from Creating Uncommon Worship by Richard Giles)*

**ANTHEM:** If You Love Me  
*Thomas Tallis (1505 -85)*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

*Beverly M.*

**THE PEACE:**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'  
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia. *John 20.19,20*

The peace of Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

**THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED**

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

**CP 425** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

*HYMN TO JOY*

**PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread  
and this wine to offer, fruit of the earth and of the vine, and work of human hands,  
for us they become the bread of life and the cup of salvation; **blessed be God for  
ever.**

**God of glory, accept all we offer you this day, and bring us to that eternal city of  
love and light, where Christ is King. We ask this in his name. Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:**

*(You are invited to stand or sit during the Eucharistic Prayer is you desire)*

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, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and ever living God, through Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

For in these days of Easter you have revealed your life stronger than death, your love deeper than fear, your mercy wider than all we can imagine. By raising Christ from the grave, you have broken the power of the tomb and opened for us the way of new creation — not in some distant heaven, but here, where earth and heaven meet, where your kingdom comes among us.

And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

### **SANCTUS**

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.** *Carl H.*  
**Hosanna in the highest.**  
**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**  
**Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious God, in your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we turned away and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

In the fullness of time you sent your Son Jesus Christ to share our human life, to proclaim your kingdom, to embody your justice and your peace, and to gather us as your people.

On the night he was handed over, Jesus 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 and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, loving God, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Dying you destroyed our death,**

**Rising you restored our life. Lord, Jesus come in glory.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we offer you these gifts, and with them our lives — living sacrifices in union with Christ's offering for us. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be for us the Body and Blood of your Son, and that we, nourished by this feast, may be the Body of Christ in the world.

Make us signs of your resurrection: people of hope in a weary world, bearers of peace where there is division, companions to the lonely, and witnesses to your new creation. Bring us, with all your saints, into the fullness of your Easter promise, where every tear is wiped away and all things are made new. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

*Music by Mary J. for St. Paul's*

Rejoicing in God's new creation, as our Saviour 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 BREAKING OF THE BREAD:**

The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

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The bread which we break, alleluia, is the communion of the body of Christ.

**The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.**

One body are we, alleluia, for though many we share one bread

**The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.**

## 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 bread only. If you are gluten free, please ask for a gluten free wafer.*

*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 66** And Now, O Father, Mindful of the Love

MEMORES

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

We give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious,  
**Our Lord's mercy endures for ever.**

Let us pray,

**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 the Lord. Amen.**

Glory to God,

**Father, you restored us to life by raising your Son from death. May we who  
receive this sacrament always be strengthened to do your will, in the name of  
Jesus Christ the risen Lord. Amen.**

## BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is  
well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing . . .

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

**CP 629** Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

FULDA (WALTON)

## DISMISSAL

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

**Through his resurrection we are raised to new life. Alleluia!**