



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
The Sunday after Ascension
17 May 2026**

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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

'All Praise to Thee'

Common Praise 387 (tune Sine Nomine)

**All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine,
Didst yield the glory that of right was thine,
That in our darkened hearts thy grace might shine:
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Thou camest to us in lowliness of thought:
By thee the outcast and the poor were sought,
And by thy death was God's salvation wrought:
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Let this mind be in us which was in thee,
Who wast a servant that we might be free,
Humbling thyself to death on Calvary:
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Wherefore by God's eternal purpose, thou
Art high exalted o'er all creatures now,
And given the name to which all knees shall bow:
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**Let every tongue confess with one accord
In heaven and earth that Jesus Christ is Lord;
And God the Father be by all adored:
Alleluia, alleluia.**

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.

The Collect of the Day

Presider: Let us pray,

All: **Holy God,
send your promised Spirit of revelation and wisdom,
so that, in the blessed freedom of hope,
we may witness to the grace of forgiveness
and sing with joy to the One who makes us one. Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Reader: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles,

In the first book, lover of God, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷ He replied, 'It is not for you to know the

times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Reader: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: 47

¹ Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.

² For the Lord Most High is to be feared, *
the great sovereign over all the earth,

³ who subdues the peoples under us *
and the nations under our feet;

⁴ who chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom God loves.

⁵ God has gone up with a shout, *
with the sound of the ram's-horn.

⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our sovereign, sing praises.

⁷ For God is sovereign of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.

⁸ God reigns over the nations *
and sits upon the holy throne.

⁹ The nobles of the peoples have gathered together
with the people of the God of Abraham.*

The rulers of the earth belong to God, who is highly exalted.

The Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

Reader: A reading from the Letter to the Ephesians,

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷ I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God^[b] put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn sung 3 times

'Ubi Caritas'

Common Praise 553 (tune Taize)

**Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.**

*(translation from Latin: where there is grace and love,
where there is grace, there is God).*

The Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴⁴ Then Jesus said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’

⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵² And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn continued

**Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas, Deus ibi est.**

Teaching

The Rev. Michael Deck

The Prayers of the People

Leader: Rejoicing in Christ’s glorious ascension, let us pray to the Lord. To the bidding, God of glory, please respond, ‘hear our prayer’.

Make your Church a messenger of the gospel that has been revealed, and a witness to all nations of Christ, the highly exalted. We lift up archbishop of Canterbury Sarah, our Primate Shane,

national indigenous archbishop Chris, our archbishop John, and Bishop Benny of Northern Philippines. Keep all Christian people open to receive the power of the Holy Spirit, the giver of life. God of glory,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Let all nations know that Christ is ascended in glory. Bless teachers and aid workers who make him known by word and action. Stir all leaders to regard others with eyes of respect and compassion for our common humanity, which he came to redeem. As Christ is taken up into heaven, may the perfect image of God be restored to all in creation. God of glory,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: As we look up in adoration in wonder to the heavens, let us turn our gaze also to the needs around us. Make us bearers of your hope to those who share our lives, and witnesses as a community to your divine life. God of glory,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Have mercy on those whose sight is dulled by sorrow, pain, or inner turmoil. Restore those in need of healing in body, mind, or spirit, especially those we name at this time...

When our vision is darkened by guilt or shame, grant us the assurance of your forgiveness. For Christ has born our suffering and made atonement for the sins of the world, so that we may know your light. God of glory,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for those who have followed where Christ has led beyond the grave and to heaven. We pray that he will receive us in our turn and that we shall behold his glory face to face. God of glory,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: May our prayers be accepted through Christ who is risen, ascended, and glorified.

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

'Alleluia! Sing to Jesus'

Common Praise 374 (tune Hyfrydol)

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
his the sceptre, his the throne.
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by His blood.**

**Alleluia! Not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! He is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how;
Though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget His promise,
"I am with you evermore"?**

**Alleluia! Bread of heaven,
thou on earth our food, our stay;
Alleluia! Here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.**

**Alleluia! King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own;
Alleluia! Born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great high priest;
thou on earth both priest and victim
in the Eucharistic feast.**

**Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!
his the sceptre, his the throne.
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone.
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood.
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by His blood.**

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Let us pray,

**All: Eternal God,
Our Saviour Jesus Christ has promised to be with us
until the end of time.
Accept all we offer you this day,
and renew us in his transfigured life, for his sake. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

EP 3

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: Blessed are you, gracious God, Creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, who after his glorious resurrection appeared to his disciples, and in their sight ascended into heaven to prepare a place for us; that where he is, there we might also be, and reign with him in glory. Therefore we praise you with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn 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: We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, 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." Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**All: We remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Presider: and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

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

'God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending'
Common Praise 601 (tune Blaenwern)

**God, whose giving knows no ending,
from your rich and endless store—
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,
costly cross, grave's shattered door—
gifted by you, we turn to you,
offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever,
gracious Donor of our days.**

**Skills and time are ours for pressing
toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
all at peace in health and freedom,
races joined, the Church made one.
Now direct our daily labour,
lest we strive for self alone.
Born with talents, make us servants
fit to answer at your throne.**

**Treasure, too, you have entrusted,
gain through powers your grace conferred,
ours to use for home and kindred,
and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing,
as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming,
serving you by loving all.**

Anthem- HTC Choir
'Seekers of Your Heart' (Renew 222)

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Prayers after Communion

Presider: Let us pray:

**All: Eternal Giver of love and power,
Your son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom.
Confirm us now in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
Through Christ our Lord. 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

'Go To the World'

Common Praise 598 (tune Engelberg)

**Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as a sign of our rebirth. Alleluia!**

**Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia!**

**Go to the world! God struggle, bless and pray;
The nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia!**

**Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of heaven cry "Amen!" Alleluia!**

The Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude





Liturgical Ministers today

Greeter & worship assistant, 8:00 am:	Volunteer
Greeters, 10 am:	Kate Abel & Gerry Stensgaard
Reader:	Volunteer
Chalice Administrators:	Alysia Ker & Jackie Lewis
Presider & Preacher:	The Rev. Michael Deck
Server:	Greg Kennelly
Crucifer:	Linda Gravlin
Guest Musician:	Graham Pudek & the Holy Trinity Cathedral Choir

THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

- Wednesday Midweek Morning Prayer, 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 Pentecost, May 24, 2026:

Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 20:19-23