

ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
July 12, 2026



Rector:	The Rev. Vernon Foster		
Deacon:	The Venerable Helen L.		
Hon. Assistant:	The Revs. Pat H., Susan H., Will H., Ven. Brian E.		
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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 F.
Deacon:	The Venerable Helen L.
Liturgical Assistant:	Beverly M.
Organist:	Freeman D.
Greeters:	Katherine M., Gwen I.
Duty Warden:	Lynda A.

The flowers on the main altar are given by Marilynne M. to the glory of God
and in loving memory of Ross and family.

Altar Guild Team: Kathy M., Lynn A.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(you may remain seated during the welcome)

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

CP 450 You Call Us, Lord, to Be

RHOSYMEDRE

GATHERING:

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

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:

CP 365 DARWALL

Glory to God on high, and peace to all on earth.
We worship you, we give you thanks, our heavenly King.
We give you praise, almighty God and Father blessed in glory bright.

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
the sacrificial Lamb, who saves the world from sin, have mercy Lord.
Beside the Father's hand enthroned, now hear our prayer.

You only are the Lord. You only are most high.
You only are the holy one, Lord Jesus Christ.
And now you reign with Father and with Spirit one in glorious light.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they find their rest in you. May we find peace in your service, and in the world to come, see you face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

FIRST READING: Genesis 25:19-34

Joanne B.

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

PSALM: 119:105-112

BAS 875

SECOND READING: Romans 8:1-11

Julia R.

Hear what the spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

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

CP 561 Lord, Your Word Shall Guide Us (vs 1,2,3)

RAVENSHAW

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

GOSPEL: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

(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 561 Lord, Your Word Shall Guide Us (vs 4,5,6)

RAVENSHAW

SERMON:

Rev. Vernon Foster

AFFIRMING OUR CHRISTIAN NARRATIVE – APOSTLES’ CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
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.**

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Julie Foster

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy. He welcomes all who come seeking mercy and grace, and invites us to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident that God's forgiveness is freely given.

Silence is kept.

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:

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you are called to peace. *cf Colossians 3.15*

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 447 Lord, We Hear Your Word with Gladness

BLAENWERN

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.**

Loving God, your word creates in us a yearning for your kingdom. Receive all we offer you this day, and keep us in your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

(You are invited to stand or sit during the Eucharistic Prayer as 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 for ever praising you and singing:

**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.**

CP 735

Holy and gracious God
Therefore, loving God, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Flame of heaven, rushing wind, Christ alive in us again.
Spirit-born, the Church shall sing: Glory to God, our breath and flame!**

Remembering ... all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, 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 Bread which we break, is it not the sharing of the Body of Christ?
We, who are many, are one body for we all partake of the one 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 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 49 Draw Near and Take

SONG 46

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

We give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious,

Our Lord's mercy endures for ever.

Let us pray,

Living God, in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom. May we who taste this mystery forever serve you in faith, hope, and love. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. 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

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God; and the blessing . . .

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

CP 592 Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

FULDA*WALTON

DISMISSAL

The Spirit of God lives among us and sends us forth in love.

We go as Christ's witnesses, sharing God's peace with all creation.