

ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
EMANCIPATION SUNDAY
July 26, 2026



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:	Ann W.
Organist:	Freeman D.
Greeters:	Katherine M., Sue M.
Duty Warden:	Michele C.

The flowers on the main altar are given by Kathy M. to the glory of God
and in loving memory of her brother Sandy.

Altar Guild Team: Ann W., Marilyn B., Ann W.

Refreshment Hour is hosted today by: Jane B.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(you may remain seated during the welcome)

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

CP 350 Stand Up and Bless the Lord

ST. THOMAS

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

Emancipating God, you call us beyond empty worship to lives shaped by righteousness: anoint us with your Spirit, that we may proclaim release to the captives, freedom to the oppressed, respect the dignity of every person, and let your justice roll down among us; 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 29:15-28

Mary Jane M.

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

PSALM: 128

BAS 886

SECOND READING: Romans 8:26-39

Mary J.

Hear what the spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

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

CP 361 Surely It Is God Who Saves Me (vs 1,2)

ECCE, DEUS

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 13:31-33, 44-52

(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 361 Surely It Is God Who Saves Me (vs 1,2)

ECCE, DEUS

SERMON:

Rev. Vernon Foster

AFFIRMING OUR CHRISTIAN NARRATIVE

**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 F.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

Beloved in Christ, God our creator made us all in the Divine Image, and calls us to love one another as God loves us. Let us confess our sins against God and one another.

Silence is kept.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have failed to honour you in the great diversity of the human family. We desire to live in the freedom of your grace, but build walls between ourselves and others. We long to be known and accepted for who we are, but make judgements of others based on the colour of skin, the shape of features, and the varieties of human experience. We try to love our neighbours but fail to address the injustices of systems that benefit some and continue to enslave others. For the sake of Jesus who brought freedom to all, have mercy on us and free us by your forgiveness, giving us new eyes to see your glory in all people. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, restore you in God's own image, and strengthen you as beloved community for the ministry of reconciliation, united in God's own glorious created diversity, as you are one with Christ and the Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE PEACE:

Let us stand in the freedom that Christ won for us.

We stand as those set free.

As one body, freed from all that binds us,

We share the peace of Christ.

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 476 God, You Have Caused to Be Written

CAUSA DIVINA

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.**

Gracious God, we bring these gifts to your altar, symbols of our labour and love. Bless them to build your kingdom of justice, where the oppressed find dignity, where hearts and nations are reconciled; and where every soul is released to live in your freedom. Transform our offerings and we who give them that we may be instruments of your grace in this broken world. Through Christ, who is our peace, we pray.

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 we lift our voices in joy and sing:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, *CP 735*
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.

Holy and gracious God

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

Christ has died. Christ is Risen. Christ will come again

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 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 52 O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near

ST. FLAVIAN

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 justice, peace, and freedom, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of Christ, a foretaste of your Reign that is and is to come. Strengthen us to walk in the way of justice, to sow peace in a troubled world, and to proclaim freedom for all who are bound. May your Spirit guide us to live as witnesses of your love, until all creation is restored in Christ our Saviour. 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 peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and strengthen you to live as people set free in Christ, honouring the dignity of every human being, and the blessing . . .

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

CP 387 All Praise to Thee

SINE NOMINE

DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ, proclaiming with your lives God's justice, mercy, and liberating love for all people. **In the name of Christ, Amen.**