

July 29, 2026
9:30 am Wednesday Eucharist
Commemoration of William Wilberforce

This English politician was a social reformer whose commitment to Christ led him to a 40 year campaign to end slavery throughout the British empire. We remember him today for his persistence, integrity and faith, which gained allies and eventually wore down resistance. On his deathbed July 29, 1833, he had the joy of hearing that Parliament was about to pass the Emancipation Act. So the kingdom comes through individuals and communities acting with resilience and hope.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

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

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

Presider: Let us pray,

**All: O God, the Source of life and liberty,
let your bountiful mercy continually renew in your Church
the never-failing gift of love,
that following your servant William Wilberforce,
we may have grace to redeem the needy from oppression
and power to maintain the cause of those who have no
helper; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever. Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Deuteronomy 15:10-15

Reader: A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy,

¹⁰ Give liberally and be ungrudging when you do so, for on this account the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. ¹¹ Since there will never cease to be some in need on the earth, I therefore command you, 'Open your hand to the poor and needy neighbour in your land.'

¹² If a member of your community, whether a Hebrew man or a Hebrew woman, is sold to you and works for you for six years, in the seventh year you shall set that person free. ¹³ And when you send a male slave^[b] out from you a free person, you shall not send him out empty-handed. ¹⁴ Provide liberally out of your flock, your threshing-floor, and your wine press, thus giving to him some of the bounty with which the LORD your God has blessed you. ¹⁵ Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the LORD your God redeemed you; for this reason I lay this command upon you today.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: 72:1-7 & 12-14 (said responsively)

- ¹ Give the king your justice, O God, *
and your righteousness to the king's son;
- ² that he may rule your people righteously *
and the poor with justice;
- ³ that the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, *
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- ⁴ He shall defend the needy among the people, *
rescuing the poor and crushing the oppressor.

⁵ He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, *
from one generation to another.

⁶ He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, *
like showers that water the earth.

⁷ In his time shall the righteous flourish; *
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

¹² For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress *
and the oppressed who has no helper.

¹³ He shall have pity on the lowly and poor *
and shall preserve the lives of the needy.

¹⁴ He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, *
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

The Gospel: Matthew 25:31-40

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

³¹ 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. ³² All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, ³³ and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. ³⁴ Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; ³⁵ for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ³⁶ I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." ³⁷ Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? ³⁸ And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you

clothing? ³⁹ And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" ⁴⁰ And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

A member of the community invites us to bring our concerns and thanksgivings before God.

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 touch.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Let us pray,

**All: Almighty God,
whose servant William Wilberforce gladly devoted
his wealth to relieve and support the needy,
receive this service from our open hands
and fulfill it with your grace,
that we who offer these tokens of our condition
may be worthy of the abundance of your table.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

Presider: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, God, the Father and Mother of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with St. Mary Magdalene and all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name:

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

Presider: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for

you.” In the same way he took the cup, saying, “This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me.” Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

In the language closest to your heart, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
*(please use the traditional version or another language
you use for prayer if you desire)*

**All: 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 glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

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.

All who are drawn to Christ are welcome at this table. Bread and wine are shared, but receiving in one kind carries the fullness of Christ's presence. You may also come forward for a blessing instead.

Prayer after Communion

Presider: Let us pray,

**All: God our Redeemer,
grant us so to honour your servants of liberation
that we may open our hands to the poor
and work for the freedom of all held captive by wrong.
We ask this through Jesus 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
for ever. Amen.**

The Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Readings for Pentecost 10, Sunday August 2, 2026

Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7 & 16; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-

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THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

Thursday

Musical Meet & Greet with Nathan, 6:30-8:30 pm in the Lounge

Saturday

Community Brunch, 11 am-noon in the Upper Hall

Sunday

BCP Eucharist, 8-9 am. *

Choral Eucharist, 10-11:15 am*

Worship Planning, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Wednesday

Midweek Eucharist 9:30-10 am*

Followed by Bible Study 10:30-11:30 am in Lounge

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