

August 12, 2026
9:30 am Wednesday Eucharist
Commemoration of Clare of Assisi

It seems strange to modern believers that Clare should have spent her whole life in a small town, most of it within the walls of a medieval community. But it was within the confines of the cloister that this 13th Century abbess demonstrated her love of Christ. After this aristocratic teenager heard St. Francis preach, she renounced her life of wealth and pleasure and put on the rough garb of a nun. Neither Francis nor Church authorities were ready to have her as an itinerant preacher, so she took over a small enclosure next to the church of San Damiano and gathered like-minded women in a life of poverty, chastity, and contemplation. There they prayed, accepted alms, and ministered to the poorest in society. The "Poor Clares", as they became known, are the 2nd Order of the Society of St. Francis. They continue today in many countries as contemplative communities.

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, whose blessed Son became poor
So that through his poverty we might be made rich,
deliver us, we pray, from an inordinate love of this world
that in honour of your holy servant Clare
we may serve you with singleness of heart
and attain to the riches of the world to come;
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: Song of Solomon 2:10-13

Reader: A reading from the Song of Solomon,

¹⁰ My beloved speaks and says to me:

‘Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away;

¹¹ for now the winter is past,
the rain is over and gone.

¹² The flowers appear on the earth;
the time of singing has come,
and the voice of the turtle-dove
is heard in our land.

¹³ The fig tree puts forth its figs,
and the vines are in blossom;
they give forth fragrance.

Arise, my love, my fair one,
and come away.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: 63:1-8 (said responsively)

¹ O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
**my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you,
as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.**

² Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.

³ For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.

- ⁴ So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your name.
- ⁵ My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- ⁶ when I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- ⁷ For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- ⁸ My soul clings to you; *
your mighty hand holds me fast.

The Gospel: Luke 12:32-37

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

³² 'Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ³⁵ 'Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them.

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: Generous God, who led your blessed servant Clare to embrace the poverty of Christ, cleanse our hands from greed and our hearts from fear, that we may know the abundance of your table and rejoice in the treasure which never fails, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

the Great Thanksgiving

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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.

Prayers after Communion

Presider: Source and Giver of the Eternal Word,

**All: teach us to have such love
 as the example of your servant Clare,
 that above all else we may set our hearts
 on the gift of the life eternal which you alone bestow;
 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 12, Sunday August 16, 2026

Genesis 45:1-13; Psalm 133; Romans 11:29-32;
Matthew 15:21-28



THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

Thursday

Vespers, 5:30-6 pm online by Zoom+

Saturday

Community Brunch, 11 am-noon in the Upper Hall

Sunday

BCP Eucharist, 8-9 am. *

Choral Eucharist, 10-11:15 am*

Wednesday

Midweek Eucharist 9:30-10 am*

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

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