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Holy Eucharist

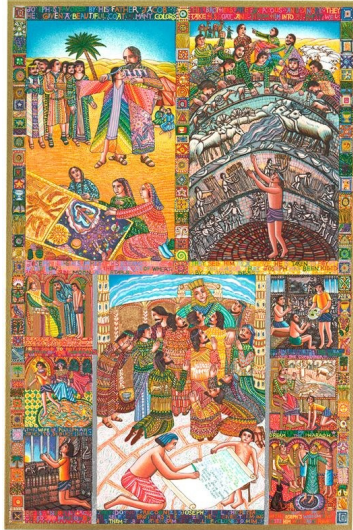


Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2026

10:00 a.m. service

Welcome to St. Andrew's!
All are welcome here.



Sunday Ministries	8:00	10:00
Sidespersons/Greeters		Kathy, Irene, Ruth, Dennis, Bram
Server	David Smethurst	Haven Duncan McLean
Readers	Mary Larkin	Rowena Hendriks
		Vicki Huxtable
Intercessor	David Smethurst	Lois Ainey
Chalice		Julie Lobb
Coffee		Anthony and Rowena Hendriks
Altar Guild	3	3

Altar Flowers - Given to the Glory of God and in memory of Peter Murray. His memory is a blessing, and he will be in our hearts forever - Brian and Penny

Prelude

Welcome

Announcements

Land Acknowledgement

We gather on lands which have been the home of SENĆOTEN and HUL'Q'UMI'NUM' speaking Coast Salish peoples from time immemorial, and their encounter with the Creator in this place goes before our own.

Opening hymn (CP#465) *Here in This Place New Light Is Streaming*

1 Here in this place new light is streaming;
now is the darkness vanished away.

See in this space our fears and our dreamings,
brought here to you in the light of this day.

Gather us in – the lost and forsaken;
gather us in – the blind and the lame;
call to us now, and we shall awaken;
we shall arise at the sound of our name.

2 We are the young – our lives are a mystery;
we are the old – who yearn for your face.

We have been sung throughout all of history,
called to be light to the whole human race.

Gather us in – the rich and the haughty;
gather us in – the proud and the strong;
give us a heart so meek and so lowly;
give us the courage to enter the song.

3 Here we will take the wine and the water;
here we will take the bread of new birth.

Here you shall call your sons and your daughters,
call us anew to be salt for the earth.

Give us to drink the wine of compassion;
give us to eat the bread that is you;
nourish us well, and teach us to fashion
lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

(Opening hymn continued over)

(Opening hymn continued)

4 Not in the dark of buildings confining,
not in some heaven, light years away,
but here in this place the new light is shining;
now is the kingdom, now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
gather us in and make us your own;
gather us in – all people together,
fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The Gathering of the Community

Presider In this time and place
we gather on the ancestral territory
of the Coast Salish peoples.

***All* From many places and peoples
we come to this house in prayer.**

Presider In this time and place
we gather in the name of the living God.

***All* We meet in the presence
of Jesus Christ, risen and alive.**

Presider This is the day the Lord has made.

***All* Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Presider In this time and place
we gather with the community of faith -
around the globe and across the ages.

***All* Heaven and earth are one.**

Presider In this time and place
we are not alone, but one in Christ.

***All* We are knit together in the unity of the Spirit.**

Presider We are hallowed, expectant, one people in God,
***All* in the name of the Holy and Blessed One,
Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Presider Holy One of Israel, covenant-keeper,
All you gather in what has been rejected,
 restoring what is lost and healing what is wounded.
 Give us faith to speak out boldly, so that the outcast
 may be welcomed and all may be blessed. Amen.

Proclamation of the Word

First Reading

Reader A reading from the Book of Genesis (45:1-15).
 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133

- ¹ Oh, how good and pleasant it is,
 when kindred live together in unity!
- ² It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,
 **upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar
 of his robe.**
- ³ It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.
 **For there the Lord has ordained the blessing:
 life for evermore.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

Epistle Reading

Reader A reading from the Letter to the Romans (11:1-2a, 29-32).
 Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
All Thanks be to God.

- 1 Wind who makes all winds that blow –
gusts that bend the saplings low,
gales that heave the sea in waves,
stirrings in the mind's deep caves –
aim your breath with steady power
on your church, this day, this hour.
Raise, renew the life we've lost,
Spirit God of Pentecost.
- 2 Fire who fuels all fires that burn –
suns around which planets turn,
beacons marking reefs and shoals,
shining truth to guide our souls –
come to us as once you came;
burst in tongues of sacred flame!
Light and power, might and strength,
fill your church, its breadth and length.

Gospel Reading

Presider May God be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew (15:21-28).

All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Presider The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

(Gradual hymn continued)

3 Holy Spirit, wind and flame,
move within our mortal frame.
Make our hearts an altar pyre;
kindle them with your own fire.
Breathe and blow upon that blaze
till our lives, our deeds and ways
speak that tongue which every land
by your grace shall understand.

Sermon The Rev. Rebecca Yeo

Affirmation of Faith

Presider Our God is the God of all humans,
High voices *the God of heaven and earth,*
Low voices the God of sun and moon,
High voices *the God of the lofty mountains,*
Low voices the God of the lowly valleys.
High voices *God is above all the heavens;*
and beneath the heavens.
Low voices Heaven and earth and sea, everything in them,
such God has as an abode.
High voices *God inspires all things,*
gives life to all things.
Low voices God stands above all things,
and stands beneath all things.
High voices *God enlightens the light of the sun,*
strengthens the light of the night and the stars.
Low voices God makes wells in the arid land and dry islands
in the sea, and places the stars in the service of
the greater lights.
All And there is the Son who is co-eternal with God,
and similar in all respects
neither is the Son younger nor older;
and the Holy Spirit breathes in them.
And the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit
are inseparable. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Confession

Presider In humility, as children of God, we receive God's mercy and
respond to God's call to make new all relationships.
Silence
Presider Merciful Lord, your Spirit hovered over the waters
where diversity sprouted and flourished.
All We confess our challenge to live with difference.
Forgive us those attitudes of mind, words and actions
that do violence to unity in diversity.

(Confession continued over)

Presider Merciful Christ, listener and teacher, you give birth to new visions of hope and heal the wounds of mind and body.

All **We confess that we have failed to listen to voices different from our own, failed to say words that bring healing and hope, and failed to listen to those who cry out for solidarity and fellowship.**

Presider Merciful Lord, you are the source of all creation, the Eternal and life-giving Word.

All **We confess that we do not listen to your creation that groans and cries out for liberation and renewal. Help us to walk together and to hear your voice in all living things that yearn for healing and care.**

Presider O God, fountain of mercy and grace, pour over us your pardon.

All **May your love transform us into a source of living waters to restore the strength of your people. through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Absolution

Presider Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given us
a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth,
strengthen you to do God's will
and give you the joy of God's kingdom,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider My friends in Christ, may the peace of God be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Offertory hymn (SNC#77) ***My Soul Cries Out (Canticle of the Turning)***

1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on the servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain: My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears,
for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

2 Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me.
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might, put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.

Refrain

3 From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
for the food they can never earn;
these are tables spread, ev'ry mouth be fed,
for the world is about to turn.

Refrain

4 Though the nations rage from age to age,
we remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
from the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forbears heard
is the promise that holds us bound,
till the spear and rod be crushed by God,
who is turning the world around.

Refrain

The Holy Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Creator God,
All you bless us with many good gifts which are returned to you from your creation. Feed us with the Bread of Life, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

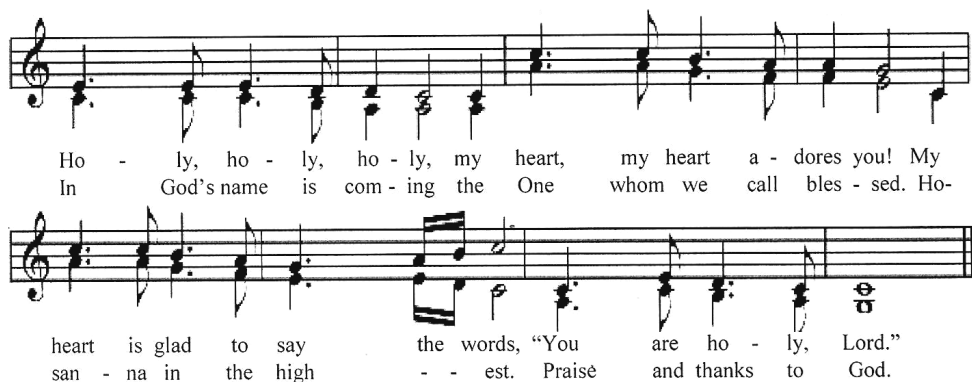
Presider God is here.
All **The Spirit is with us.**
Presider Lift up your hearts and minds.
All **We lift them to God**
Presider Let us give thanks to God the Creator
All **It is right to give our thanks and praise**

Presider Holy and eternal One ...
 ... calling us to care for everything given and received.
All **Glory to you, source of all life.**

Presider From the earliest days the peoples ...
 ... hallowed these sacred relationships with all life.
All **Glory to you, source of all life.**

Presider In Jesus Christ, you came into our world...
 ... we raise our thankful voices in songs of unending praise.

Sanctus



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dore you! My
 In God's name is com - ing the One whom we call bles - sed. Ho-

heart is glad to say the words, "You are ho - ly, Lord."
 san - na in the high - - est. Praise and thanks to God.

Presider Blessed are you, most holy One ...
... and follow him in lives of selfless service and
courageous love

***All* Glory to you, source of all life.**

Presider In the fullness of time reconcile all things ...
... Undivided Trinity, One God, now and forever.

***All* Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

***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 the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

Fraction Sentence

Presider Creator of all, who summons the salmon
from the depths of the seas
to yearn for the place of their origin.

***All* So may your Spirit stir in our hearts
to return and find our home in you.**

Presider These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

***All* Thanks be to God.**

Holy Communion

Communion hymn (CP#24) ***Abide With Me***

1 Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see:
O thou, who changest not, abide with me.

3 I need thy presence every passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

5 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Communion hymn (CP#538) ***Nearer, My God, to Thee***

1 Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!
Even though it be a cross that raiseth me,
still all my song would be:
"Nearer, my God, to thee,
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!"

2 Though, like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
darkness be over me, my rest a stone,
yet in my dreams I'd be
nearer, my God, to thee,
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee

3 There let the way appear, steps unto heaven;
all that thou sendest me, in mercy given;
angels to beckon me
nearer, my God, to thee,
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee

4 Then with my waking thoughts
bright with thy praise,
out of my stony griefs
Bethel I'll raise,
so by my woes to be
nearer, my God, to thee,
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee

5 Or if on joyful wing cleaving the sky
sun, moon, and stars forgot, upwards I fly,
still all my song shall be
“Nearer, my God, to thee,
nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee!”

Communion Hymn (CP#509) ***Precious Lord, Take My Hand***

1 Precious Lord, take my hand,
lead me on, let me stand:
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
through the storm, through the night
lead me on to the light:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

2 When my way grows drear,
precious Lord, linger near;
when my life is almost gone,
hear my cry, hear my call,
hold my hand lest I fall:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

(Communion hymn continued over)

3 When the darkness appears
and the night draws near,
and the day is past and gone,
at the river I stand;
guide my feet, hold my hand:
take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Prayer after Communion

Presider Almighty God,
Giver of all good things,
All We thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the precious body and blood
of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
We thank you for your love and care
in assuring us of your gift of eternal life
and uniting us with the blessed company
of all faithful people. Amen.

Doxology

All 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.

Closing Hymn (CP#401) *My Life Flows On in Endless Song*

1 My life flows on in endless song
above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.
Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm,
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Love is lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

2 Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing;
it sounds and echoes in my soul;
how can I keep from singing?

Refrain: No storm can shake my inmost calm,
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Love is lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

3 What though the tempest 'round me roar,
I hear the truth it liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close,
songs in the night it giveth.

Refrain

4 When tyrants tremble, sick with fear,
and hear their death knells ringing;
when friends rejoice both far and near,
how can I keep from singing?

Refrain

5 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing.
All things are mine since I am his;
how can I keep from singing?

Refrain

Dismissal

Presider

Go, respecting and serving all that God has
created.

All

**For God created all and saw that it was good.
Thanks be to God!**

Voluntary: *G. F. Handel* Alla Hornpipe



Music for the Masses

Each week this summer, a parishioner or couple has been invited to choose some favourite hymns for us to sing in worship. This week, hymns have been chosen by: Rebecca Yeo

Here is some background on why they chose today's hymns:

Here in This Place New Light is Streaming: I adore the tune of this hymn and its expansive “gathering” language. It calls us to gather, regardless of who we are or what we carry, and to be transformed by our encounter with God. I especially appreciate the image of being gathered and held by God, and that this transformative “new light” shines here and now – in this time and place.

Wind Who Makes All Winds that Blow: I love how the natural images in this hymn show the power of the Holy Spirit. Expanding on the images of wind and fire from the Pentecost story to include storms, suns, and beacons beautifully illustrate the Spirit’s power to act in the world and in minds, souls, and lives.

My Soul Cries Out (Canticle of the Turning): If I could sing only one hymn for the rest of my life, it would be Canticle of the Turning. It takes a beloved Scripture passage of mine — Mary’s song of praise and protest — and combines it with a folk tune that makes me want to raise my voice and stomp my feet. Canticle of the Turning reminds me of God’s solidarity with those on the margins, and of our Christian hope in the coming of God’s kingdom, where the lowly are lifted up and tyrants are no more.

Abide with Me: I love that Abide with Me is both a cry of need for God’s presence, and an expression of confidence that God is already abiding with us. I love this soft and haunting hymn as a reminder of God’s presence with us through every moment: at the end of each day, through cloud and sunshine, when it feels that others have abandoned us, and all the way to the end of our lives.

Nearer, My God, to Thee: Nearer, My God, to Thee finds its way into my favourites as a companion to Abide with Me. While the latter expresses our confidence in God’s presence, this hymn beautifully expresses a yearning to be drawn ever closer to God and a hope that every moment of our lives creates a path that leads us towards intimacy with God.

Precious Lord, Take My Hand: This song is the favourite hymn of a close friend. When I hear it, I can always picture her singing it in worship with her hands outstretched and peaceful smile on her face. This hymn reminds me of a dear friend's faith and all the ways her presence blesses me.

My Life Flows On in Endless Song: The sweeping melody and trust-filled lyrics of this hymn always lift my spirits and renew my own trust in our God. I especially love the image of the Christian life as a song!

Many thanks to Rev. Rebecca for suggesting this week's hymns.

Weekly Cycle of Prayer

In our parish, we pray for Pat & Robin Bannister, Shan Beley, Sylvia Bell, Jan & Sandra Bergink, and David & Yvette Bird.

In our community, we pray for Peace Lutheran Church, Sidney, the pastor, and the people of the congregation and neighborhood.

In our Region, we pray for the Parish of Pender and Saturna Islands, The Rev. Blair Haggert, rotating clergy, and the people of the Parish and neighborhoods.

In our Diocese, we pray for Anna, our Bishop, and for the Parish of St. Barnabas, Victoria.

In our Ecclesiastical Province, we pray for The Most Rev. John Stephens, Metropolitan of the Ecclesiastical Province of BC and Yukon, and Archbishop of the Diocese of New Westminster.

In Canada, we pray for The Rt. Rev. Naboth Manzongo, Bishop of the Diocese of Rupert's Land, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Rupert's Land.

In the world, we pray for The Church in Wales.

Announcements

WELCOME TO VISITORS - Would you like to receive a tax receipt for your offering over \$20? Please pick up an offering envelope from the stand on the credenza at the entrance to the church. All are welcome!

WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE - If you're looking for a way to help out at the church, please see the current needs below.

Drivers - If you're able to drive someone to church and home again on Thursday afternoon, October 1st, please speak with The Rev. Rebecca.

Laundry - Could you do one additional load of laundry once a week (or once a month if there are several volunteers) to help us keep up in the kitchen? If so, please speak with Brian Head.

Baking Needed - Do you like to bake? Would you be willing to bake once a month or so for your church family? Friendship Circle meets weekly on Tuesdays with tea, coffee and something delicious and the organizers could use some help. If you can make enough for about 20 people once a month, please speak with Patricia Hatt.

CHASING WONDER PHOTO BINGO CHALLENGE - Pick up a yellow sheet from the back of the church and start taking photos of creation with your phone or camera in the month of August! Submit your photos to Melissa in the church office at admin@standrewssidney.ca. Let us "Pay attention. Be astonished. Tell about it!"

LINE DANCING - Starting September 2nd at 2pm in the church Hall. Absolute beginner - All are welcome, bring your friends! If you're interested, contact Laurel Bremner: 250-300-1958

ECOJUSTICE PILGRIMAGE: AN INVITATION - From September 14-18, 2026, St. Mark's in Kaslo will host a week-long gathering of pilgrims from across the province for prayer and worship, shared meals, and fellowship to explore our natural spaces and ecosystems through the lens of ecojustice and the stewardship of Creation. For more information or to register, please contact Ken Gray at grayintheforest@shaw.ca.



Quarterly Mission

July-September 2026

Friends Ministry of St. Andrews

CURSILLO FAREWELL CELEBRATION - All Cursillistas are invited to attend the Farewell Fiesta to celebrate the Ministry of Cursillo in the Diocese of BC, on Sunday, Sept 20/26, at St Philip Anglican Church Nanaimo. Doors open at 1:30 pm. Bring memories and memorabilia to share at the open mic storytelling. Fiesta dress encouraged, along with your nametag and Cursillo cross. RSVP to bradshawcursillo@gmail.com by Sept 9.

***** *This Week at a Glance* *****
(August 16–August 23 2026)

Sunday	August 16th 2026 12th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am Holy Communion BCP 10:00 am Holy Eucharist BAS
Monday	1:30 pm Friends of St. Andrew delivery
Tuesday	1:30 pm Friendship Circle
Wednesday	11:30 am Neighbours Lunch
Thursday	10:00 am Eucharist
Friday	1:30 pm Friends of St. Andrew delivery
Saturday	11:30 am Brunch Bunch
Sunday	August 23rd 2026 13th Sunday after Pentecost 8:00 am Holy Communion BCP 10:00 am Holy Eucharist BAS



Readings for August 23rd, 2026

First: Exodus 1:8-2:10
Psalm: 124
Second: Romans 12:1-8
Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

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Creative Spiritual Community

Psalm 133

- ¹ Oh, how good and pleasant it is,
when kindred live together in unity!
- ² It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,
**upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar
of his robe.**
- ³ It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.
**For there the Lord has ordained the blessing:
life for evermore.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as
it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without
end. Amen.

HOW GOOD AND PLEASANT
IT IS WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE
LIVE TOGETHER IN UNITY!
PSALM 133:1





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