

ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
August 23, 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:	Mary Jane M.
Organist:	Tarika S.
Greeters:	Kathy M., Julia B.
Duty Warden:	Michele C.

The flowers on the main altar are given by Altar Guild to the glory of God
and in loving memory of past Altar Guild members.

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

Refreshment Hour is hosted today by Jane B., Katherine M.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(you may remain seated during the welcome)

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

CP 300 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

GATHERING:

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

May the grace and peace Christ be with you all.

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, we are taught by your word that all our doings without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue; 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: Exodus 1:8-2:10

Boyd S.

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

PSALM: 124

BAS 884

SECOND READING: Roman 12:1-8

Susan B.

Hear what the spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

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

CP 435 Take My Life, and Let It Be (vs 1,2,3)

MOZART

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 16:13-20

(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 435 Take My Life, and Let It Be (vs 4,5)

MOZART

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

Gwen I.

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 484 In Christ There is No East or West

ST PETER – CP 620

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.**

God of glory, receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love, and increase in us that true and perfect gift. We ask this in the name of 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.

We give you thanks and praise....We lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name:

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:

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in 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 73 One Bread, One Body, One Lord of All

NE BREAD, ONE BODY

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, increase in us the healing power of your love. Guide and direct us that we may please you in all things, for the sake of Jesus Christ our 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 peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and your minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and the blessing
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SENDING FORTH HYMN: *(Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)*

CP 444 Your Hand, O God, Has Guided

THORNBURY

DISMISSAL

Our service has ended and our mission begins, lets us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**