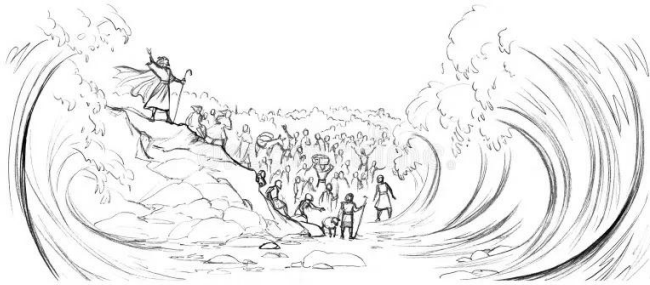


ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
DIVIDING THE SEA
September 13, 2026



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.*

PLEASE MUTE YOUR CELL PHONES DURING THE SERVICE

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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:	Julie F.
Organist:	Peter B.
Greeters:	Julia B., Katherine M.
Duty Warden:	Lynda A.

The flowers on the main altar are given by Carol & Boyd S. to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ruth, Mabel and Douglas. May they rest in their eternal home.

Altar Guild Team: Kathy M., Lynn A.

Refreshment Hour is hosted today by Barb C., Deborah C.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(you may remain seated during the welcome)

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

CP 42 Crashing Waters at Creation

MARCHING

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:

Carl Haywood

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father.

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father, Amen.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you parted the sea and made a path to freedom, commanding wind and water to serve your purpose. Teach us to see your power in earth, sky, and sea.

As we face rising waters and a changing climate, guide us with your light and grace.

Deliver us from fear and lead us to action, that we may honour you by protecting your creation; through Jesus Christ our Liberator. Amen

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

FIRST READING: Exodus 14:19-31

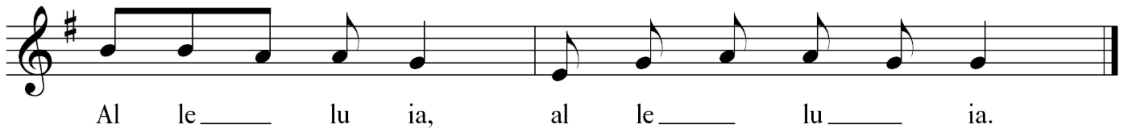
Marilyn B.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 114

CANTOR



SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

Yvonne O.

Hear what the spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

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

CP 226 Through the Red Sea (vs 1,2)

STRAF MICH NICHT (WURTEMBURG)

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 18:21-35

(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 226 Through the Red Sea (vs 3)

STRAF MICH NICHT (WURTEMBURG)

SERMON:

Rev. Vernon Foster

ANTHEM: Water Flowing from the Mountain

Words and Music: Jim Hannah

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – SEASON OF CREATION

**We believe in God, the Creator of all things,
who calls forth the earth and every creature,
who made us from the dust and breath of life,
and who declares all creation good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
who lived among us as a child of the earth:
he walked on its soil, he knew its beauty and its brokenness.
He suffered and died on the cross, and was raised from death,
so that all creation might be restored and reconciled in love.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the breath of God moving through all life,
who renews the face of the earth,
who calls us to serve and protect creation,
and who leads us into the hope of God's kingdom,
where all things will be made new.**

This we believe. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Joy Adams Bauer

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

Let us, after a moment of personal reflection, confess our sins against God, our neighbour, and creation, trusting in God's mercy and love.

Silence is kept.

**Creator of all,
we confess that we have turned from your ways: we have wounded your earth,
we have neglected our neighbours, and we have forgotten your goodness.
Forgive us, renew us, and restore us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

Hear God's promise of a redeemed creation: the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and a little child shall lead them. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain.
cf Isaiah 11

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 215 Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

AVE VIRGO VIRGINIUM

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.**

Holy God, accept all we offer you this day. May we who are reconciled at this table bring wholeness to our broken world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 praise and magnify the God of all Creation

We sing to the Creator with songs of creation.

It is right to give you thanks and praise with all your creatures, we proclaim your praise:

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

Carl Haywood

Holy God Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Send your Holy Spirit upon us ... all glory and honour are yours, almighty God, 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 70 Jesus, the Joy of Loving Hearts

MARYTON

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 peace, in this eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours.

May we who have been nourished by holy things always have the courage to forgive.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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

May God, Creator of all, fill you with wonder and gratitude.

May Christ, through whom all things are made, teach you to live with love and care.

May the Spirit of life renew you and all creation.

And the blessing of God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, be with you now and always.

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

CP 465 Here in this Place a New Light is Streaming

GATHER US IN

DISMISSAL

Our service has ended and our mission begins, let us go in peace, to love and care for God's creation. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**