

September 27th 2026

10:00 AM

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

A Eucharistic Liturgy for the Islands and Inlets

Book of Alternative Services

Season of Creation



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We recognize that our faith community gathers on the ancestral lands of the Tsartlip/WJOLEŁP, Tseycum/WSIKEM, Tsawout/SṪÁUTW, & Pauquachin/BOKEĆEN Nations. In a spirit of gratitude and respect, we seek a growing relationship that fosters healing and hope for all our relations on these islands and inlets of the Salish Sea.

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Welcome

A special welcome to visitors and newcomers. Please consider taking a moment to fill in a Welcome card and hand it to a greeter.

Territorial Acknowledgement

Opening Song: *CP # 3 Morning Has Broken*

The Community Gathers Before God

Call to worship

In the beginning, the Spirit of God hovered over the waters. And God called them good.

Come Holy Spirit and cleanse the waters.

The prophet saw a river flowing from the Temple, and wherever the river flowed, everything lived.

Come Holy Spirit and renew the face of the Earth.

Jesus cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me. Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water."

Come, Holy Spirit and heal your people.

Collect for the Season of Creation

Thanksgiving for the Waters

Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for your love in all creation, and especially for your gift of water to sustain and cleanse all life. Christ is the living water, cleansing, refreshing, and making all things new. So now we offer our thanks for the waters that bring beauty to all that we enjoy, the wild places, the bush, the mountains, coast and the sea. We give thanks and praise for all good lands, for the trees and pastures, for our plentiful crops, and for the living water that quenches them.

(Adapted from Anglican Aotearoa NZ Prayer Book)

We praise you for giving us life through water, and for all waters everywhere. We especially praise you for the waters who sustain us in this part of our common home.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us in your image and placed us in a well-watered garden. In the desert, you promised pools of water for the parched, and you gave your people water from the rock. When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters. At the cross, you washed us from Jesus' wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

You bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. You satisfy all who thirst, and give us the life only you can give.

The Story of Faith is Proclaimed

First Reading: Exodus 17. 1-7

Psalms 78. 1-4, 12-16

Second Reading: Philippians 2. 1-13

Gradual Hymn: *CP # 423 How Great Thou Art vs. 1-3*

Gospel Reading: Matthew 21. 23-32

(Please stand as you are able).

Responding to the Word

Talk by Rev. Denise

Affirmation of Faith: Hear, O Israel

**Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.**

This is the first and the great commandment.

The second is like it:

Love your neighbour as yourself.

There is no commandment greater than these.

The Prayers of the People

Confession

O God, fountain of mercy and grace, pour over us your pardon. May your love transform us into a source of living waters to restore the strength of your people. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Absolution

May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw you to himself, and cleanse you from all your sins, that you may behold the glory of his Son, the word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Peace

The Offering

(Now is the time to present your offering to God).

Offertory Hymn: *CP# 414 God of the Sparrow*

The Sacred Meal is Shared

Offering Prayer

God, whose Spirit moved over the deep: We thank you for the gift of water the waters on the Earth, and under the Earth, the waters above us, and within us. Make us mindful of the care of all the planet's waters, that it may richly sustain life for us and for those who come after us. Accept the first fruits we offer here. Bless and multiply these gifts to our nurture and the care of your creation; for the sake of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

God is here

The Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts and minds.

We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God the Creator.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Great Creator, with wit and wisdom you formed the universe.

In expectation, your Spirit brooded over all: the midwife of transformation. At your Word, the skies, the seas, the lands and all life came to be. In you, all created things shared life with one another.

In ceremony and song, dance and art, these relationships were portrayed and honoured by the first peoples of these Islands and Inlets.

The plants, the cedars, the creatures of forest, sea and air revealed your wonder and majesty.

When we turned from you, connections were broken and creation suffered. Still, you continued to bring light from night, freedom from slavery, and life from death.

Therefore, together with our ancestors in faith and with your beloved creation we sing:

Sanctus:

**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.**

We praise you, Source of all, for the living Word: Jesus
Born in poverty; a child refugee, a worker with his hands.
He gathered disciples and taught and healed the people.
He freely shared our sorrow, joy, and pain. In vulnerability,
he showed power over sin and triumphed over death.

On the night before Jesus died, he feasted with his
companions. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and
gave it to them saying,

“Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you, do this
to remember me.”

After supper he took the cup and when he had given
thanks, he gave it to his companions saying,

“Drink this, all of you; this is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and the world for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this to remember me.”

Come Source of life. Come, transforming Word. Come, Creator Spirit.

With his sacred presence unbounded by space and time, we offer to you this bread and cup. Send your Breath of Life, like wind, blowing where it will, north, east, south and west. May your Spirit brood over these gifts and all who feast at this table offering a foretaste of the eternal feast to come.

May all who share your abundant gifts be incorporated as one body and one holy people, joined in the offering of Jesus' birth, life, death and resurrection for the reconciliation of all things.

Reveal the unity of your Church and the mystery of our communion with our holy forebears and those yet to be born, that we may be guided in faith and walk gently on the earth.

Glory and honour to you Triune God, dynamic of love, complete and perfect unity, now, and in all ages.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer (*said*)

As our Saviour taught us, let us 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

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

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

The Communion

The gifts of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God

Please note: You may drink from the common cup but if you do not wish to then simply touch the cup. You must not dip the bread in the cup. We have gluten free wafers and will gladly extend the platter to you for you to take one from it. Please just let us know if you need one.

We are Sent into the World

Sending Out

Go now into a thirsty world.

Protect the springs, restore the rivers.

Treasure every drop.

Speak for communities whose voices are unheard.

Stand with those who thirst for justice
as well as water.

May your lives proclaim that water is sacred,
creation is God's gift, and faithful discipleship
is measured not only by what we believe
but by how we care for the sources of life..

Amen.

Blessing

May God, who brought water from the rock, refresh your
spirit.

May Christ, who calls us from empty promises
to faithful action, strengthen your resolve.

May the Holy Spirit flow through you like a life-giving
river, bringing hope, healing, and renewal
to every community and every corner of creation.

And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

Announcements

Sending Hymn: *CP # 415 All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Dismissal

Go, respecting and serving all that God has created.

For God created all and saw that it was good.

Halleluiah!



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In our Diocese	Anna, our Bishop, The Church of the Advent, Colwood, BC.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Mid-day Prayer Services continue Wednesday September 30th at 2:00PM in the Wittingham Chapel. You are invited to come and pray with us every Wednesday. Lay leaders, Susan, Jayne and Rev. Denise will take turns leading a service according to the Book of Alternative Services.
- St. Francis' Blessing of the Animals Service Today at 3:00 PM, Outdoors at the Labyrinth. Anyone is invited to participate in this special service; bring an animal or pet to the worship or bring a photo of one you cannot bring or one that has passed away, or even bring a photo of an endangered species in the wild. Please have your animal on a lead or in a secure pet carrier for the safety of other animals.

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Next Week's Readings:
Exodus 20. 1-4, 7-9, 12-20; Psalm 19;
Philippians 3. 4b-14; Matthew 21. 33-46

Presider	The Reverend Denise Doerksen
<i>Todays Lay Leaders</i>	
Server - Crucifer	Amelia Charlton
Sides people	Dan LeBlanc
Reader	Diana Chown
Prayers	Debra Lange
Chalice	Penny Donaldson
Counters	Debra Lange

NOTICES

- The Parish Office will be closed on September 30th for Orange Shirt Day, The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.
- Reverend Denise is away on holidays from October 1st to 9th. The Rt. Rev. Logan McMenamie will preside over both services on October 4th
- Parish Council Reflections, Reports and Minutes of our monthly meetings are posted in the hall. We hope you take the time to see what your priest, wardens, treasurer and members are prayerfully working on for the benefit of this faith community.
- Rev. Denise is posting an audio file of her sermons on our website. To access a sermon go to our website <https://holytrinityns.org> and click on Sermons in the menu and choose the sermon for a particular week.
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