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səl̓ilw̓ətaḷ̓ (TSEIL-WAUTUTH), AND st̓s̓əwaθ̓ən məstejəx̓w̓ (TSAWWASSEN).
WE SEEK TO WALK A PATH OF RECONCILIATION AND HEALING.

10 am Eucharist
The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi
4 October 2026

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*Whether you have been a lifelong Anglican or are new to our tradition, we welcome you this morning! If you are not familiar with Anglican worship, simply allow the words, music and symbols to speak to you. Participate as fully as you feel comfortable in doing. We stand to sing and sit to listen. Some people kneel for prayer, some sit and some stand. Please do what is comfortable for you. You are invited to join in the words in **bold type**. Music for the songs is found in the blue Common Praise or green Songs for a Gospel People hymnbooks in the pews.*

Prelude

Welcome

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Gathering Hymn

'All Creatures of Our God and King' verses 1-4 & 7
Common Praise 355 (tune Lasst Uns Erfreuen)

**All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing: Alleluia, alleluia!
Bright burning sun with golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,
 Alleluia, alleluia,
 *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

**Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft, O praise him, alleluia!
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,
stars nightly shining, find a voice,
 Alleluia, alleluia,
 *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

**Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear, Alleluia, alleluia!
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light,
 Alleluia, alleluia,
 *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

**Earth ever fertile, day by day
unfold your blessings on our way, O sing now, alleluia!
All flowers and fruit that in you grow,
God's glory let them also show:
 Alleluia, alleluia,
 *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

Let all things their creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Greeting

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **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.

People: **May Christ lead us on right pathways as we seek truth and reconciliation in action.**

The Gloria (sung 3 times)
Common Praise 376 (tune Taizé)

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Young People's Time

The Collect of the Day

Presider: Let us pray,

All: **Grant us, Almighty God,**
After the example of your holy servant Francis,
To do what you would have us do,
And always to desire what is pleasing in your sight,
That cleansed by your love, enlightened by your truth,
And kindled with the fire of your Holy Spirit,
We may follow in the footsteps of your beloved Son
And make our way to you, O God most High;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God now and forever. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading: Galatians 6:14-18

Reader: A reading from Paul's Letter to the Galatians,

¹⁴ May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. ¹⁵ For^l neither circumcision nor uncircumcision is anything; but a new creation is everything! ¹⁶ As for those who will follow this rule—peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God. ¹⁷ From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body. ¹⁸ May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Reader: Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: 148

“Praise the Lord, Ye Heavens Adore Him”
Common Praise 420 (tune Rex Gloriae)

**Praise the Lord, ye heavens adore him;
Praise him, angels in the height;
Sun and moon rejoice before him;
Praise him, all ye stars and light!
Praise the Lord for he hath spoken;
Worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
Laws which never shall be broken
For their guidance hath he made.**

**Praise the Lord, for he is glorious;
Never shall his promise fail;
God hath made his saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation!
Hosts on high, his powers proclaim;
Heaven and earth and all creation,
Laud and magnify his name.**

The Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁵ At that time Jesus said, 'I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸ 'Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn

'Make Me a Channel of Your Peace'

Songs for a Gospel People 2

**Make me a channel of your peace:
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
Where there is injury, your healing power,
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.**

**Make me a channel of your peace:
Where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.**

**O Spirit, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul.**

**Make me a channel of your peace:
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to all that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

Teaching

The Rev. Stephanie Shepard

The Apostles' Creed

Presider: Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we say,

**All: 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,
born of the virgin Mary,
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 God 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.**

The Prayers of the People

Leader: With Francis and all your saints, we join to pray for your wonderful creation. To the bidding, "God most High", please respond, "hear our prayer".

We thank you, God, for the gift of life: for the beauty and wonder of creation, and for our own life which comes from you. You have made earth a home for all creatures and made it holy by your presence among us. You teach us to know you by loving and caring for our neighbours, both human and animal.

Help us to cherish and protect all life, and to live as partners, not exploiters, of your creation. God most High,
All: hear our prayer.

Leader: We thank you for the richness of animal life, for wild things and free, for species rare and beautiful and strange. Give us eyes to see and ears to hear the cries of pain which result from our indifference, greed, and helplessness. We pray for native and endangered species, and we name them aloud at this time...

Help us to sustain and renew the life of the earth. God most High,
All: hear our prayer.

Leader: We thank you for the animals who give us faithful companionship, joy when we are happy and comfort when we are sad. We give you thanks for animals we have known and loved and are no longer with us. May we all have a place in your heavenly Kingdom. God most High,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: We lift up to you for healing those places in our world where life struggles to thrive: where climate change, war, disasters, and human interventions have damaged the homes of many people and creatures. Teach us to build and not destroy. Teach us to grow and not to take too much at the expense of others. For harmony and enough for all, God most High,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: We pray for those in need of your healing touch. We remember especially those who have asked us to pray for them by name... May we be instruments of your peace for their wellness in body, mind, and spirit. God most High,

All: hear our prayer.

Leader: Forgive us for the times we have hurt others through our words, actions, or failure to respond with love. May the light of your Holy Spirit shine into the dark corners of our hearts and illuminate them with your mercy. God most High,

All: hear our prayer.

The Absolution

Presider: 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.

All: Amen.

Prayer of Blessing

(At this time, any animal companions who are present in the worship (in the cathedral or watching the livestream) may be brought forward for a blessing.)

Presider: Blessed are you, living, loving God. All creation praises you, yet you have given the earth into our human hands to be its stewards. You made animals as our companions, that in caring for them we might learn to love and care for all your creatures, and find in them a sign of your grace. As we fulfil this calling may we draw close to you, the giver of all life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

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 distance and touch.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offering Hymn

'Out of Deep Unordered Water'
Songs for a Gospel People 78

**Out of deep unordered water
God created land and life,
World of bird and beast and later,
two-some people- husband, wife.**

Refrain: *There is water in the river
bringing life to tree and plant.
Let creation praise its giver:
there is water in the font.*

**Water on the human forehead,
birth-mark of the love of God,
Is the sign of death and rising:
thro' the sea there runs a road.**

Refrain

**Standing round the font reminds us
of the Hebrews' climb ashore.
Life is hallowed by the knowledge
God has been this way before.**

Refrain

The Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Let us pray,

All: **Loving God,
Join our offering to the sacrifice of your only Son,
That our service may be stamped with his humility
And bear the image of his obedience;
Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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Presider: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider: All Powerful, Most High, Supreme Good Lord, we praise and thank you for bringing light to the darkness of our lives. By your Word at creation you brought forth our brother sun and sister moon, and your loving gaze looked upon all that you had made to find it very good. But by sin the world was blinded; by sin we lost our way. Then through your Son you revealed the light of your love. As one of us, you walked among us. Unite us this day to your Son, that we may shine with your glory to the world; by your light help us see and become the light.

Rejoicing in the splendor of your radiance, countless throngs of angels and archangels give you unceasing praise. Joining with them and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we break forth in song to sing your joyous praise:

Sanctus

Songs for a Gospel People 117 (Land of Rest)

**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, hosanna in the highest!**

Presider: You are worthy, O God, to be worshipped and praised by all that you have made. For you loved the world so much that you gave your only Son, so that all might find new life in him. By your Holy Spirit, you anointed Jesus to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim freedom for prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind, and to release those who are oppressed. Healing the sick, feeding the hungry, and feasting with sinners your Son proclaimed the Kingdom of God was at hand. Living among us Jesus revealed your glory, full of grace and truth. Yet the world rejected him, opposing his mission and witness.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." In all humility, Christ then accepted betrayal and death upon a cross for our redemption.

Therefore, O Lord, you raised him from the dead and gave to Jesus the name above all other names, so that all might be humbled to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord of all. Almighty God, as we celebrate this memorial of our redemption, we praise you for your love and mercy revealed in Jesus Christ our Lord. Remembering his death, rejoicing in his resurrection, we offer all we have and all we are to you. As we await the return of Christ in glory, let your Holy Spirit come upon this bread and wine and upon us, that we may be filled with your power and grace through the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

**All: Unite us to your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ,
who brings us out of darkness into the wonderful light.**

Presider: All this we ask through our Savior Jesus Christ, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider: In the language closest to your heart,
let us pray as Jesus taught us:

You are invited to use either the traditional or contemporary version in English or the language you find most helpful for prayer.

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.	Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us this day 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 forever. Amen
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Fraction Hymn
Common Praise 63 (Eat this Bread)

**Eat this bread, drink this cup:
Come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread, drink this cup:
Trust in me and you will not thirst.**

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.

The Communion

You are invited to come forward to receive bread and wine. Low gluten wafers are available. You receive the fullness of Christ's love if you prefer to take one kind (just the bread or the wine). If you would prefer to have a blessing, please let the priest know.

During Communion
'God of the Sparrow'
Common Praise 414 (tune Roeder)

**God of the sparrow, God of the whale,
God of the swirling stars,
How does the creature say, Awe?
How does the creature say, Praise?**

**God of the earthquake, God of the storm,
God of the trumpet blast,
How does the creature cry, Woe?
How does the creature cry, Save?**

**God of the rainbow, God of the cross,
God of the empty grave,
How does the creature say, Grace?
How does the creature say, Thanks?**

God of the hungry, God of the sick,
God of the prodigal,
How does the creature say, Care?
How does the creature say, Life?

God of the neighbor, God of the foe,
God of the pruning hook,
How does the creature say, Love?
How does the creature say, Peace?

God of the ages, God near at hand,
God of the loving heart,
How do your children say, Joy?
How do your children say, Home?

Anthem- HTC Choir
'Out of Nothing' by G. Ryan

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE COMMUNITY

The Prayers after Communion

Presider: Let us pray:

**All: God of all goodness,
 Who gave to your servant Francis
 A will to be the servant of all,
 Grant us in our service of your gospel
 To hold back nothing of ourselves for ourselves,
 That Christ may receive the whole of our lives
 Into the habitations of light and glory;
 Through the same 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 forever. Amen.**

Announcements

Sending Hymn

‘All Things Bright and Beautiful’

Common Praise 415 (tune All Things Bright)

***Refrain All things bright and beautiful,
all creatures great and small,
all things wise and wonderful,
the Lord God made them all.***

**Each radiant flower that opens,
each vibrant bird that sings,
God made their glowing colours,
God made their lively wings.**

Refrain

**The cold wind in the winter,
the pleasant summer sun,
the ripe fruit in the garden,
God made them every one.**

Refrain

**The rocky mountain splendour,
the loon's wild, haunting call,
the great lakes and the prairies,
the forest in the fall.**

Refrain

**God gave us eyes to see them,
and lips that we might tell
how great is the Creator,
who has made all things well.**

Refrain

The Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

The flowers in the church today are donated by The Rev. Michael Deck, to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the life of Jane Strutners Johns Deck

The Collects and Prayers of the People are from "Hear Our Prayer: Gospel-based intercessions" by Raymond Chapman, c2003.



Liturgical Ministers today

Greeter & worship assistant, 8:00 am:	volunteer
Greeters, 10 am:	Gerry Rowse, Kate Abel
Reader:	Anne Parker
Chalice Administrators:	Alysia Ker, Sybil Collett
Presider & Preacher:	The Rev. Stephanie Shepard
Server & Crucifer:	Linda Gravlin
Music Director:	Nathan Badue

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THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

Monday Family Film Night, 6-9 pm in the Lounge

Wednesday Fellowship Time, 10-10:30 am in the Lounge

Wednesday Bible Study, 10:30-11:30 am in the Lounge

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

Saturday Community Brunch, 11 am- noon in the Hall

Sunday BCP Eucharist, 8-9 am.*

Sunday Choral Eucharist, 10-11:15 am.*

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Next Sunday's Readings for Thanksgiving, October 11, 2026: Deuteronomy 8:7-14; Psalm 65; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15; Luke 17:11-19
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