



Order of Service for Oct. 11, 2026
Thanksgiving Sunday
Celebration of Holy Eucharist 10 a.m.
Celebrating: The Rev'd Tony Hilling
Assisting: The Rev'd Deacon Betty Nadurak



***Give thanks
to the Lord,
for he is good,
for his mercy
endures forever
Psalm 106:1***



Pre-Service Music: Seek Ye First (Please join in this time of worship, as we prepare for the Service.)

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Processional Hymn: CP # 565 415 Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah (screens)

Greeting. p 185 (Book of Alternative Services - Green book) (screens)

The Collect for Purity. . . . p. 185 (screens)

Glory to God . . . p. 186 (screens)

Kyrie Eleison . . . p. 186 (screens)

Collect of the Day p. 385 (screens)

The Proclamation of the Word

The First Reading

A reading from the book of exodus

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel. The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshipped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you

I will make a great nation." But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Exodus 32:1-14

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalms 106:1-6, 19-23 p. 849 (screens)

The Epistle Reading

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, to together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Philippians 4:1-9

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Gradual Hymn: CP # 414 God of the Sparrow
(screens)

The Holy Gospel

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also, with you.*

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

People: *Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Gospel Acclamation: The Alleluia (sung)

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Matthew 22:1-14

Leader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.*

Gospel Acclamation: The Alleluia (sung)

Homily

The Apostles Creed . . . p. 189 (screens)

The Prayers of the People (screens) (The people sit or kneel for the prayers)

Confession and Absolution ... p.191 (screens)

The Peace: p. 192 (screens)

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn: CP # 259 For the Fruit of All Creation (screens)

Prayer over the Gifts. . . . p. 386 (screens)

Eucharistic Prayer #1 ... p. 193 (screens)

The Lord's Prayer form 1 ... p. 211 (screens)

The Breaking of the Bread, 1. p. 212 (screens)

Agnus Dei (screens)

The Communion p. 213 (screens)

Communion Hymns: (screens)

Give Thanks

CP # 360 Bless the Lord My Soul

Beautiful

CP # 3 Morning Has Broken

Hymn after Communion (Please stand) Jesus I Love You Jesus (screens)

Prayer after Communion ...p. 386 (screens)

Doxology p. 214 (screens)

The Blessing

Announcements (screens)

Closing Hymn: CP # 258 We Plough the Fields and Scatter (screens)

Sending

You're invited to join us for Coffee, right after the Service, in the Hall.

Traditional Land Acknowledgement

Creator, you made all people of every land. In the spirit of respect and truth, we honour the traditional Treaty 7 territory of the Blackfoot Confederacy, including the Siksika, Kainai, and Piikani Nations, the Stoney Nakoda, including the Chiniki, Bearspaw, and Wesley Nations, and the Tsuu T'ina Nation. We acknowledge the Métis Nation of Alberta, Region Three. In the spirit of reconciliation and because we are all treaty people, we also acknowledge all people who make their homes in the traditional Treaty 7 territory of Southern Alberta.

Prayers for this Week

(bold italics indicate new or special emphasis this week)

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for ***The Anglican Church of Burundi***. In the Anglican-Lutheran Prayer Cycle, we pray for ***The Rt. Rev. David Lehmann, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Caledonia***. In the Lutheran Church, we pray for ***the dean, council, and congregations of the North Region of the British Columbia Synod***. TOGETHER: ***For people and ministries working to address issues of poverty, homelessness, and affordable housing***. In our Diocesan Cycle, we pray for ***St. John, Claresholm and their Incumbent the Rev. Chandra Gray***, we also pray for the ***Vocational & Transitional Deacons***.

We lift to you our friends in our Companion Diocese, the Windward Islands. We pray for ***Holy Trinity, Georgetown with St. John, Holy Name, St. Peter, St. Luke, and Byera Chapel, on St. Vincent and The Ven. Junior Ballantyne, Rector***.

In our Parish Cycle, we pray today for our clergy Tony Hilling, Betty Nadurak, Cyril Haynes, Sean Devlin, Garry MacDowall and their families. **Heavenly Father**, giver of life and health, comfort and strengthen those of our parish who are sick, injured or distressed, and those approaching or recovering from surgery, especially we lift up to you: Wanda; Ari & Valma; Andrea; Dorothy Ann; Robbie; Patrick; Josh; Bob & Joanne; Michael; Scott; Kerin.

For those grieving: We pray for the Lord's Peace and Comfort for the family of Joan Barr. May Joan rest in Peace and rise in Glory. **We thank you** for your healing touch which sustains us every day; and for the many healings that have taken place in our parish, and your unending mercy as you hear our prayers.

We pray especially for the work of Alongside Hope and its partners in Canada and around the world.

We pray for all those whose lives have been thrown in turmoil by storms, floods, fires, famine, or other climate disasters. We remember all who are struggling economically. Please help us all to stand together in hard times.

We pray for the Indigenous Peoples of this land. We give thanks for the immeasurable privilege of sharing the journey of life together. **We pray for** forgiveness for the terrible harm inflicted by Residential Schools, for the racism that still infects our hearts and is an open wound in our country; for an end to all forms of prejudice and bigotry; for justice; for reconciliation, and new paths forward that honour all God's precious children.

We pray for peace and justice in our own country and throughout the world. We remember the people of Ukraine, the Holy Land, USA, Nigeria, and all whose lives have been torn apart by violence. We pray for safe haven for over 80 million people in the world whom violence has forced to flee their homes.

We stand in solidarity with all whose lives have been devastated by human evil, and all seeking to make the world as it ought to be. **We pray for** protection and guidance for all in law enforcement or our military in danger at home or overseas. May your Holy Spirit guide world leaders to seek just resolutions to all conflicts, that all people may come to know your peace that passes all understanding and war be no more.



The altar flowers are given to the glory of our Risen Lord by Richard Gray and Colleen Eggerston, in fond memory of Richard's father, Leonard Gray - a World War II veteran and a loving father and grandfather.