ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
THE REIGN OF CHRIST
November 22, 2026



Rector:	The Rev. Vernon Foster		
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		10:30 am	Holy Eucharist
	Weekdays (except stats)	8:30 am	Morning Prayer (Zoom)
	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 Ven. Helen L.
Liturgical Assistant:	Mary Jane M.
Organist:	Freeman D.
Greeters:	Kathy M., Sue M.
Duty Warden:	Michele C.

The flowers on the main altar are given by the Altar Guild to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for 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 529 God, My Hope on You Is Founded *MICHAEL*

GATHERING:

The Lord is here.
God's Spirit is with us.

Land Acknowledgement Prayer

May the grace and peace of 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

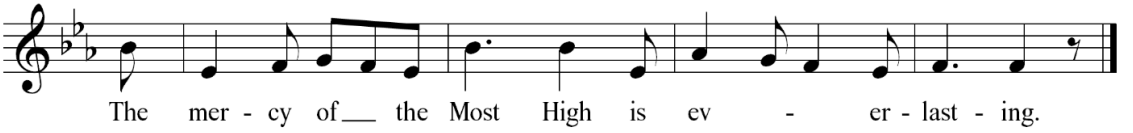
Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, our Lord and King, grant that the peoples of the earth, now divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his gentle and loving rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

FIRST READING: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 *Syd G.*

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

PSALM: 100 *CANTOR*



SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:15-23 *Brian H.*

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

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL: *(Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)*
CP 334 Holy God, We Praise Your Name (vs 1,2) *GROSSER GOTT*

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

GOSPEL: Matthew 25:31-46
(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 334 Holy God, We Praise Your Name (vs 3,4) *GROSSER GOTT*

SERMON: *The 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.

CHOIR ANTHEM: JUBILATE DEO (13871)
Attributed To: W, A. Mozart, Edited By: James Kirkby

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Julia R.*

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

A moment for silent reflection

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:

In Christ, all things hold together. He is our peace, reconciling all creation to God.

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 101 Hail to the Lord's Anointed *CRUGER*

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:

As we offer these gifts of bread and wine, we offer also the labour of our hands and the love of our hearts.
Through them, may Christ's reign of peace and justice become more fully known among us, until all creation rejoices in his glory.

All things come of you, O Lord, and of your own have we given you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:
(You are invited to stand during the Eucharistic Prayer is you desire)

The Lord is here.
God's Spirit is with us.

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.

Blessed are you, gracious God…
…we praise your name and join their unending hymn of praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, *Carl Haywood*
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 give you thanks…
… Almighty God, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven, 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 85 Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless *ST. AGNES*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

We give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious, **Our Lord's mercy endures for ever.**

Let us pray,
Almighty and gracious God, you have made us one with Christ and given us a foretaste of your kin-dom. Strengthen us in faith and courage that we may serve you in all people and bring your reconciling love to the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom be glory and dominion, now and forever. 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 Christ, who reigns over all creation, strengthen you to walk in his way of truth and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Creator, the Redeemer, and the Sacred Spirit, rest upon you and remain with you, and with those whom you love and care for and pray for, now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING FORTH HYMN: *(Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)*
CP 379 Rejoice, the Lord is King *DARWALL*

DISMISSAL:

Go forth in peace to love and serve the Lord, as members of Christ's kin-dom and servants of his reign.

In the name of Christ. Amen.