

Sunday November 19, 2023 - 10:00 AM

Twenty fifth Sunday of Pentecost

A Eucharistic Liturgy of the Islands and Inlets



The Community Gathers Before God

Opening Hymn: *CP #425 Joyful, Joyful*

Greeting

In this time and place

We gather on the ancestral territories of Kwakwaka'wakw,
Nuu-chah-nulth and Coast Salish peoples.

**From many places and peoples we come to this house
in prayer.**

In this time and place

We gather in the name of the living God.

**We meet in the presence of Jesus Christ, risen and
alive.**

In this time and place

We gather with the community of faith around the globe
and across the ages

In this time and place heaven and earth are one.

In this time and place

We are not alone, but one in Christ.

Knit together in the unity of the Spirit.

In this time and place

Hallowed, expectant, one people in God.

**In the name of the Holy and Blessed One, Creator,
Redeemer and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Centering Stillness

Let us hold this moment open to the Spirit of God.

(silence)

The Collect of the Day

Let us pray

**Almighty God,
you sent your Son Jesus Christ
to be the light of the world.
Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us,
and bring us to eternal light and joy;
through the power of him
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever**

Act of Praise: *Gloria*

Gloria, gloria, gloria
Glory to God on high!

Gloria, gloria, gloria,
Glory to God on high!

And on earth...peace to God's people. Glory to God.
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The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Judges 4.1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help, for he had nine hundred chariots of iron and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophet, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim, and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and

summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Position yourself at Mount Tabor, taking ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops, and I will give him into your hand.' "

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 123

To you I lift up my eyes, *

to you enthroned in the heavens.

As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, *

so our eyes look to you, O Lord our God,
until you show us your mercy.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *

for we have had more than enough of contempt,
too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you.

For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, brothers and sisters, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So, then, let us not fall

asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober, for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Reader: The word of the God

People: Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: *CP#434 The Love of Jesus Call Us*

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Gospel Reading: Matthew 25.14-30

Please stand as you are able

Reader: God be with you

People: And also with you

Reader: The Good News of Jesus according to
Matthew

People: Glory to you, Jesus Christ

“For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. At once the one who had received the five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents. In the same way,

the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering where you did not scatter, so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

Reader: The Gospel of Christ
People: Praise to you Jesus Christ

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Talk by The Reverend Denise Doerksen and others

Affirming the Christian Narrative

Tirechan's (pr. Ti-rec-han's) Creed, 7th century

(from The Patrician Texts of the Book of Armagh AD 670)

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Our God is the God of all humans,

the God of heaven and earth,

the God of seas and rivers,

the God of sun and moon,

the God of all heavenly bodies,

the God of the lofty mountains,

the God of the lowly valleys.

God is above all the heavens;

and beneath the heavens.

Heaven and earth and sea,

and everything in them,

such God has as an abode.

God inspires all things

gives life to all things,

stands above all things,

and stands beneath all things.

God enlightens the light of the sun,

strengthens the light of the night and the stars,

makes wells in the arid land and dry islands in the

sea, and places the stars in the service of the greater lights.

**And there is the Son who is co-eternal with God,
and similar in all respects
neither is the Son younger nor older;
and the Holy Spirit breathes in them.
And the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit are
inseparable. Amen** *(This Creed be read by a single voice or collectively)*

Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution:

Jesus, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins I can remember,
and also the sins I have forgotten. Forgive the wrong
actions I have committed, and the right actions I have
omitted. Forgive the times I have been weak in the face of
temptation, and those when I have been stubborn in the
face of correction. Forgive the times I have been proud of
my own achievements, and those when I have failed to
boast of your works. Forgive the harsh judgements I have
made of others, And the leniency I have shown to myself.
Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have
avoided. Forgive me the pain I have caused others, and
the indulgence I have shown to myself. Jesus have pity on
me, and make me whole. *Early Irish (from A Celtic Primer p. 95)*

The Peace

The Offertory Hymn: *CP #453 Living Lord of Love's
Dominion*

The Sacred Meal is Shared

The Prayer over the Gifts

Let us Pray

God of constant love, you have guided your people in all times and ages. May we who offer you our praise today always be ready to follow where you lead; we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We thank and praise you almighty Father. In wisdom you guide the course of the world and cherish us with all tender care. We thank you that we can come together around this table in the name of Jesus your Son, the first born of all creation. In him all things were created, visible and invisible, and all things hold together in him. We thank you that you have sent your Holy Spirit to make of us a new community of faith to serve you within your creation. And now we give you thanks because you have given the earth into our care, and call us to praise you day by day for the marvels of your creation. And so with the wonders of creation and the songs of praise of all your creatures both in heaven and on earth we join in one great act of awe and adoration:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord...God,
God of might and power; holy is the Lord
Holy, holy, holy, holy Lord God,
God of might and power, holy is the Lord**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth,
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna here on earth,
Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

God of all creation, send your Spirit upon the goodness of the earth, and upon these gifts of bread and wine, that in them we may recognize and receive the fullness of the Risen Christ: bread broken and wine poured, Body given, and Blood shed. On the night he sat at table with his disciples and with them recalled the wonder of your creation and the wonder of your covenant with your chosen people, He took bread, gave you thanks, blessed it and broke it, saying: Take this all of you and eat it. This is my Body, which will be given up for you. In the same way he took the cup and giving you thanks and praise, He gave the cup to his disciples and said: Take this all of you and drink from it, this is the cup of my Blood, the Blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me. So we proclaim the mystery of faith

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come come again

As we remember the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, we celebrate the goodness of the earth, our companionship in this world and the sharing of all skills and arts that enrich our lives. We share the cup of our humanity matured over the unnumbered centuries of the

long struggle that has gone into making of this world; our living and dying, our fears and our hopes. Together with those who have drawn sustenance from this soil, those with whom we share it, and those to whom we pass it on, we share this bread and raise this cup in fulfilment of the Lord's command: through him, with him, in him in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, Almighty Father, forever and ever **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray

Our Father in heaven. Hallow'd 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 forever. Amen. *(Music by Gordon Light)*

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

Please Note: You are welcome to drink from the common cup, but if you do not want to, just touch the cup. You must not dip the bread into 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.

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Anthem Benediction: *"May the Love of the Lord"*

Announcements

Closing Hymn: *CP #393 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The flowers on the altar are dedication from Joan Wise In Loving Memory of her parents and her husband Derek



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Notices/Upcoming Events

In **November**, our **outreach** efforts are aimed at creating a substantial impact on **Christmas Hampers**

NOTICES

Contact

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to sign up for automatic
monthly withdrawal of
your contribution.
(Forms are available at
the back of the church)

**“Thank you to
everyone for their
help & support with
the Arts & Crafts
Fair”**

Creation Liturgy from
Iona Abbey will be
ongoing. Stay tuned for
details on our next
gathering.
Get in touch with
The Reverend Denise
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Upcoming Events

Holy Trinity

- **HT Parish Council meeting, Thursday, Nov 23rd @3pm, Sansom room.**
Please pray for our meeting & all other meetings which will now be on the third Thursday of the month.
- You are invited to the Celebration of New Ministry for **The Reverend Kelly Duncan** at **St. Andrew's Anglican Church** on **Nov 25th @2pm**
- **Praying with Francis of Assisi**, a small group & pot luck supper **Nov 28th @5pm**
To participate contact
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- **Trinity Time, Thursday, @12pm**
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