
10:00 am

October 13, 2024 – Harvest Thanksgiving



Introit: “God, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary”

Opening Hymn: “Come Ye Thankful People” (CP #262)

Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And also with you.**

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.**

Sung Gloria: “Gloria, Gloria, in Excelsis Deo” (CP #376)

Kyrie: Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.** Lord, have mercy.

The Collect

God of heaven and earth, we sing of your bounty and your goodness in the abundant harvest, in the changing seasons, and in the wonder of nature. With generous hearts, may we share what we have received with those who have little, so that none may hunger or thirst and all may know your wide justice; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children's Focus

Children's Song: "Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ" (*see video screens*)

The First Reading: Joel 2:21-27 (*Amanda Hansen*)

Psalm 126 (VU #850) (*refrain 2*)

The Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7 (*Susan Parsons*)

Gradual Hymn: "For the Fruit of All Creation" (CP #259)

The Gospel: Matthew 6:25-33 (*Roger Farrier*)

The Sermon: *The Reverend Marnie Peterson*

"Silence & Stillness for Prayer & Reflection"

Nicene Creed

Let us confess our faith, as we say,

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through whom all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Confession and Absolution

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned away from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

God who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

Amen.

The Peace: The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: “Let All Things Now Living” (CP #403)

— *The Celebration of the Eucharist* —

Prayer Over the Gifts

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

May God be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God our Creator. **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(CP #732)

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.

Holy God, holy and mighty; holy and immortal; you we worship and adore.

You formed the earth from chaos; you encircled the globe with air; you created fire for warmth and light; you nourished the lands with water.

You molded us in your image, and with mercy higher than the mountains, with grace deeper than the seas, you blessed the Israelites and cherished them as your own.

That also we, estranged and dying, might be adopted to live in your Spirit, you called to us through the life and death of Jesus.

In the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me. Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup we remember your Son, the firstborn of your new creation. We remember his life lived for others, and his death and resurrection, which renews the face of the earth. We await his coming when, with the world made perfect through your wisdom, all our sins and sorrows will be no more.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and compassionate, send upon us and this meal your Holy Spirit, whose breath revives us for life, whose fire rouses us to love. Enfold in your arms all who share this holy food. Nurture in us the fruits of the Spirit, that we may be a living tree, sharing your bounty with all the world.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Holy and benevolent God, receive our praise and petitions, as Jesus received the cry of the needy, and fill us with your blessing until needy no longer and bound to you in love, we feast forever in the triumph of the Lamb; through whom all glory and honour is yours, O God, O Living One, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, now and forever.

Amen.

Sung Lord's Prayer by Gordon Light

Our Father in heaven, hallowed by your name; your kingdom come, your will be done on earth, as in heav'n. 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.

Communion Anthem

Refrain: **Come and eat this Bread, come and drink this cup,
Come and share the feast that God has spread,
You have promised us, you are here with us, in the breaking of the bread.**

**1. Now from this table to the ends of earth,
Gather all of your people in this feast of all creation.**

Come to the banquet for now all is ready.

These are the gifts of God for you, the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

If you require a gluten free wafer, please only extend one hand. If you do not feel comfortable drinking from the cup, please just acknowledge it and let it pass.

We ask that you refrain from intincting or dipping your wafer.

Anthem: “For the Beauty of the Earth” (*Rachel Eaton, soprano & Jocelyn Cameron, guitar*)

Prayer after Communion

O God, we give you thanks that you have set before us this feast, the body and blood of your Son. By your Spirit strengthen us to serve all in need and to give ourselves away as bread for the hungry, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Doxology

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.

Sung Blessing

The Closing Hymn: “We Plow the Fields and Scatter” (CP #258)

The Dismissal: Go in peace, share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

We thank Miri Lee for providing beautiful music today while Jonathan is away.

Announcements

The flowers in worship this morning:

Are given by Cliff Caprani, to mark the first anniversary (October 11th) of the death of his beloved wife Nicky Stowell.

October Youth Group: Saturday, Oct 26 – 4 – 5:30 pm

All Juniors (8-11yrs) and Seniors (12+) welcome and invited. **Invite your friends!** It's Pizza Day! Bring your favourite pizza topping to add to our pizza-making pizzeria. We'll explore the theme of gratitude and share a delicious meal together.

Youth Group is offered in partnership with St. Anne's Anglican, Our Saviour Lutheran, South Arm United and Gilmore Park. It is an inclusive and safe space for youth to meet. Monthly on Saturdays from 4:00-5:30pm.

We welcome you!

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We gather and worship on the ancestral and unceded territories of the Coast Salish Peoples.