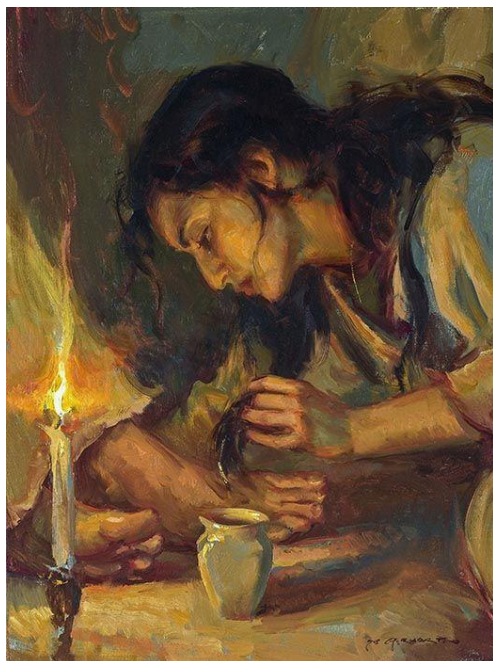


Christ Church Gabriola

A Collaborative Anglican – United Church

Open to All

We gather on the ancestral lands the Snuneymuxw people.



5th Sunday in Lent

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* Please stand if you are able

VU is Voices United Hymn Book

Bold print in bulletin – congregation

MV is More Voices Hymn Book

We Gather to Celebrate God's Presence

All Are Welcome To Worship Together

We welcome you, whoever and wherever you are, to join us on a journey.

We strive to accept each other as we are and welcome the ministry and participation of all persons regardless of age, gender identity, health, race, sexual orientation, differing abilities, religious or ethnic background or economic circumstance. We hope that in all that we do, in our worship and community life, that the Creator's unconditional love is experienced.

We do this trusting The Creator is with us on the journey.

Prelude:

Welcome and Announcements

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all!

All: And also with you.

***Call to Worship:**

UC Gathering & Bruce Prewer

One: We walk with you, O God along this path of Lent.

All: As weary pilgrims, we gather here for rest, eager to worship and be refreshed in you.

One: You are the holy Source of our lives, the Friend on the journey, the Saviour when we fall, and in the hour of success the Joy that makes our joy complete.

All: We your much-loved children gather to worship and adore you, God of abundant love.

***Collect: Loving God, you are the lamp and guide for our lives.**

Draw close and nourish us this day with your word and your life that we may know your call and honour you with our lives. Amen.

***Hymn:**

Come In, Come In and Sit Down

VU #395

Call to Confession: Here in this container of worship, we're invited to lay before God what is just too heavy to bear. Let us pray . . .

Prayer of Confession:

BAS

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.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Grace: Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, God's love is for you. You are a beloved child of God and God pours out mercy and forgiveness for you. Thanks be to God!

***Passing of the Peace:** Let us celebrate by passing the peace of Christ that surpasses all understanding!

One: The Peace of Christ be with you all!

All: And also with you!

Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.

Special Music: *As the Deer Pants for the Water* (VU #766) David Kocijan

We Listen to the Word

Reader: By the gift of your Spirit, calm and quiet our souls that we may hear your Word today and be lifted up to walk with you. In Christ's name we pray. Amen

Children's Story: *Isaiah 43:16-21*

Psalm *Psalm 126 ref. 2*

VU p.850

Second Reading: *Philippians 3:4b-14*

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: (stand or sit as it your custom)

One: God be with you.

All: And also with you

One: The Good News of Jesus Christ according to John

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 12:1-8

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise be to Jesus Christ

We Engage the Story

Reflection: **A Moment in Time**
Silent Reflection

***Hymn:** *Said Judas to Mary*

VU #129

We Respond to God's Love

***Affirmation of Faith: A New Creed**

VU p 918

Prayers of the People (stand or sit as is your custom)

Lord's Prayer (spoken)

**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.**

Invitation to Offering: There will always be need in the world, and the church is called respond to this need. Mary gave what may have been her most precious possession. Let us give of ourselves – share what we have – not just from the abundance that has been given to us, but from the devotion and dedication inspired in us by the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

Lay Assistants please come forward

***Doxology:**

CP #669

**Praise God the Source of life and birth,
Praise God the Word, who came to earth.
Praise God the Spirit, holy flame.
All glory, honour to God's name.**

***Offering Prayer:**

UCC Worship Ways

Holy One, what we own is nothing – what we can gain or keep or have is worthless if it is only for our own satisfaction. All that we have and all that we are belongs to you, and the giving is a blessing in itself. We dedicate this day, not only the things we can put in a plate, kneed into bread, or write on a piece of paper, but also the things we cannot touch: our hearts, our spirits, our passion, our resolve. Use them, and us, to restore the fortunes of all your people: to seek your will, to strengthen your church, and to serve you faithfully. Amen.

We Celebrate Communion

***Invitation to Communion:** The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. Come to this table, whoever you are . . . this is the table of extravagant love and inclusion; it is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

* The Great Thanksgiving

One: God be with you **All: And also with you**
One: Lift up your hearts **All: We lift them to God**
One: Let us give thanks to God most high
All: It is right to give God thanks and praise

The Great Thanksgiving:

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We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfillment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his own life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

Sanctus:

MV #203

**Holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space.
All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace
Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings your praise.
And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!**

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son Jesus Christ;

who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup, and after giving thanks, shared it with them, saying "This is the cup of the new covenant. As often as you share it, remember me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Acclamation: MV #204
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again!
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We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy church. Gather into one all who share in the sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever.

Amen

One: We break this bread,

All: **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

One: Let your Church be the wheat, which bears its fruit in dying.

All: **If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

We have bread, wafers, and gluten free wafers available (please indicate if you would like a wafer or gluten free), as well as the chalice of wine on the left and cups of wine, juice and water on the right.

Communion Hymn: We Are One VU #402

***Prayer after Communion: BAS**

Giver of life, in this eucharist we have tasted the promise of your heavenly banquet and the riches of eternal life. Bind us as one to act boldly in service of your kingdom, in Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

We Go Into the World

***Hymn: Be Thou My Vision VU #642**

***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.**

***Commissioning:**

William Sloane Coffin, Jr.

One: May God grant you the grace never to sell yourself short.

All: Grace to risk something big for the sake of something good. Grace to remember that the world is now too dangerous for anything but truth, and too small for anything but love.

***Benediction:** May the mystery of God go with you; may Christ bless your steps; may the Holy Spirit sustain you on your way. Go now, carrying God's blessing. Amen.

Musical Postlude: *There is a Longing*

Anne Quigley

See the attached sheet to sing along

*Please remain seated to reflect on the worship service or leave quietly
This service is over and our service begins*



About the Music: Our own hymnal includes this lovely setting of Psalm 42, entitled *As the Deer Pants for the Water*, written by Martin Nystrom in 1983. David Kocijan freely arranged this clarinet / piano duet in 2008

Church Announcements

Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday: Sunday April 14 10:00am

Maundy Thursday Potluck: Thursday April 18 6:30pm

Good Friday: Friday April 19 12:00pm

Easter Sunday Sunrise: Sunday April 21 8:00am

Easter Sunday: Sunday April 21 10:00am

Notice of Special Congregational Meeting Today

A special congregational meeting of members of CCG will be held today following morning worship. Business will include a discussion and vote on proposed amendments to the current Shared Ministry Agreement.

Church Announcements



Praying with Pencil Paper Tues. Apr. Tuesday April 9 1:00pm

Susan Brockley is offering a session... Praying with pencil and paper requires no special equipment and no skills as an artist – just a willingness to open yourself up to what might be a different way of listening to God. This session will be about 1 ½ hours in length. If you are interested, or would like more information, please phone Susan at 250-247-9467 or email sbrockley@shaw.ca Please let me know if you are coming so that I can have enough supplies available.



Palm Cross Folding Friday April 12 10:00am

You're invited to join Rose and others as we go over on the 10:00am ferry and gather with eager folders at St. Paul's in downtown Nanaimo. Rose will drive and will return on the 2:25pm ferry - please contact her if you would like to attend!



Rev. Karen Invites you to the Maundy Thursday Potluck Thursday April 18

Gathering is at 6:00 pm to begin the meal at 6:30 pm. After there will be a short communion service and then we will strip the chancel of all cloths and candles in preparation for the Good Friday Service. Please let us know if you are planning to attend by either signing up on the sheet in the church hall, phoning the church at 250-247-8633, or emailing cblackburn@telus.net Bring a potluck dish and a small donation
Roasted ham and beverages will be provided