

# Christ Church Gabriola

A Collaborative Anglican – United Church  
Open to All



## Hybrid Worship Day of Pentecost

24 May 2026

Rev. Deborah van der Goes

Music: Frances Armstrong

Bell Choir

*We acknowledge that these lands upon which we worship are the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Snuneymuxw First Nation. Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, you are welcome here!*

## *Words for Worship*

*Words of response are in bold & italics*

### Pre-Service

**Beal Peal, Skye Boat Song (Spirt of God), and  
Come Christians, Join to Sing**

Hand Bell Choir

### Prelude

#### **Gathering Words of Welcome**

We gather here, in this holy place, a place set aside,  
on this Day of Pentecost, to quiet ourselves,  
We gather here to listen and do our holy work.  
Whether here or at home  
We turn our attention to the Great Spirit,  
Advocate, Guide, Teacher, Friend.

#### **Opening Hymn: Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling**

CP #655

<sup>1</sup>Holy Spirit, ever dwelling  
in the holiest realms of light,  
Holy Spirit, ever brooding  
o'er a world of gloom and night,  
Holy Spirit, ever raising  
those of earth to thrones on high,  
living, life-imparting Spirit,  
you we praise and magnify.

<sup>2</sup>Holy Spirit, ever living  
as the Church's very life,  
Holy Spirit, ever striving  
through us in a ceaseless strife,  
Holy Spirit, ever forming  
in the Church the mind of Christ,  
you we praise with endless worship  
for your gracious gifts unpriced.

<sup>3</sup>Holy Spirit, ever working  
through the Church's ministry,  
teaching, strength'ning, and absolving,  
setting captive sinners free,  
Holy Spirit, ever binding  
age to age and soul to soul  
in communion never ending,  
you we worship and extol.

## Lighting of Candle

*Vanderbilt University, Episcopal Prayer Collection*

Creator of the universe, you made the world in beauty,  
and restore all things in glory through the victory of Jesus Christ.

***This candle has been lit for prayer,  
that wherever your image is still disfigured by poverty, sickness,  
selfishness, war, and greed,  
the new creation in Jesus Christ may appear  
in justice, love, and peace,  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.***

## Acknowledgement of the Land

***We prayerfully acknowledge with thanksgiving that we gather  
on the unceded territories of the Snuneymuxw people. Gracious  
God, help us to seek a new relationship with the first peoples  
here, one based in honour and respect. Amen***

## Opening Prayer

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 wholly love you,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.***

## The Collect for Pentecost

*Anglican Church of Canada Alternative*

Living God, you create all that is.  
Send forth your Spirit to renew and restore us,  
so that we may proclaim your good news  
in ways and words that all will embrace and believe.  
***Amen.***

## Prayer Before the Reading of Scripture

*ACC & UCC Sources*

O God, your Word is a lamp to our feet, and a light to our path.  
Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love.

## Hebrew Scripture: Numbers 11:24-30 (NRSV)

Reader: George Westarp

*The spirit rests on Israel's leaders*

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord, and he gathered seventy of the elders of the people and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders, and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not

do so again. Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!" And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

## Epistle: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 (NRSV)

Reader: George Westarp

*Varieties of gifts, the same Spirit*

No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of power deeds, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses. For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--Jews or Greeks, slaves or free--and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

## Psalm 104 sung as God of the Sparrow

CP# 414

<sup>1</sup>God of the sparrow  
God of the whale  
God of the swirling stars  
How does the creature say Awe  
How does the creature say Praise

<sup>2</sup>God of the earthquake  
God of the storm  
God of the trumpet blast  
How does the creature cry Woe  
How does the creature cry Save

<sup>3</sup>God of the rainbow  
God of the cross  
God of the empty grave  
How does the creature say Grace  
How does the creature say Thanks

<sup>4</sup>God of the hungry  
God of the sick  
God of the prodigal  
How does the creature say Care  
How does the creature say Life

<sup>5</sup>God of the neighbour  
God of the foe  
God of the pruning hook  
How does the creature say Love  
How does the creature say Peace

<sup>6</sup>God of the ages  
God near at hand  
God of the loving heart  
How do your children say Joy  
How do your children say Home

### **Gospel Readings**

Reader: Deborah van der Goes

*As is your custom, please stand or sit for the reading of the gospel.*

God be with you.

***And also with you***

The Good News of Jesus the Christ according to John

***Glory to you, Christ Jesus.***

**Gospel Acclamation : Halle, Halle**  
***Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (x4)***

**VU #958**

**John 20:19-23** (NRSV)

*The spirit poured out*

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples had were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

**John 7:37-38** (NRSV)

*Jesus, the true living water*

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'"

The Good News of Jesus the Christ according to John

***Glory to you, Christ Jesus.***

**Gospel Acclamation "Halle, Halle"**

**VU #958**

***Halle, Halle, Hallelujah (x4)***

**Sermon:**

**Affirmation of Faith**

Hear, O people of God,

***The Lord our God, the Lord is one.***

***Love the Lord your God with all your heart,***

***with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.***

***This is the first and greatest commandment.***

***The second is like it:***

***Love your neighbor as yourself.***

***There is no greater commandment than these.***

**Life & Work of the Church**

**Prayers of the People**

Susan Brockley

Generous God,

***Hear our Prayers.***

**Lords Prayer** (sung)

**VU #959**

***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 forever. Amen.***

## Peace of Christ

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another

*(You are invited to turn to those directly around you and share Christ's peace.  
Those on zoom, please unmute and share with one another)*

**Offering** *(offering now to be collected)*

## Offering Prayer

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.**

## *Holy Communion*

*Assistants: Pat Armstrong and Betty Schultze*

## Invitation

Here is the table of the Lord.

We joyfully gather at the Lord's table, open to all.

## The Great Thanksgiving

*Lutheran Book of Worship*

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and all places, give thanks and praise to you, Almighty and Merciful God, through our Saviour Jesus Christ. With all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and hosts in heaven, we praise your holy name and join in their unending hymn.

## Sanctus *(sung)*

MV #203

**O 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 heaven, creation sings your praise.**

**And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!**

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

And 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 to remember me.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

MV #204

**Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again!  
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

With this bread and cup  
We remember your Word  
Dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth  
In his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.  
**Come Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, We long for your Spirit,  
Come among us. Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people.  
Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.  
**Come Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy one of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High,  
One God, now and forever  
**Amen**

## Breaking of the Bread

Loving God,

***as we break bread and share the cup,  
we give thanks for the bread and the wine,  
fruits of your earth and of our labour.  
We commit ourselves to your service  
and that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith.***

## Sharing of the Bread and Cup

We offer you, O God, this bread and this wine.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts,  
That all who eat and drink at this table  
And all the tables of the world  
may be one body, one holy people

## Communion is Shared

*All are welcome at the Lord's Table. Gluten free wafers are available upon request.*

## Prayer after Communion

Gracious God,

***May our participation in these sacramental gifts transform us  
that we may live lives of thanksgiving and be faithful to your  
will.***

## Closing Hymn: All Things Bright and Beautiful

CP #415

Refrain:

All things bright and beautiful,  
all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful,  
the Lord God made them all.

<sup>1</sup>Each radiant flower that opens,  
each vibrant bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colours,  
God made their lively wings. [Refrain]

<sup>2</sup>The cold wind in the winter,  
the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruit in the garden,  
God made them every one. [Refrain]

<sup>3</sup>The rocky mountain splendour,  
the loon's wild, haunting call,  
the great lakes and the prairies,  
the forest in the fall. [Refrain]

<sup>4</sup>God gave us eyes to see them,  
and lips that we might tell  
how great is the Creator,  
who has made all things well. [Refrain]

## Blessing For Here and at Home

God of all consolation, in your unending love and mercy  
you turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life.

***May we who seek to listen to the Great Spirit  
trust in your power to restore all things,  
who gives life to all creation. Amen.***

## Postlude