

Christ Church Gabriola

A Collaborative Anglican – United Church
Open to All



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Hybrid Worship
20th after Pentecost
Harvest Thanksgiving
11 October 2026

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Music: Ian Cox

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
The candle is lit to remind us of Christ the Light of the world

Prelude

Welcome beloved community – here and at home.

Land acknowledgement

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

Let us pray together.

***God, by whatever name we call You...
however we experience You in our individual lives,
we come today ready to celebrate Your Presence.***

As we gather together, open our hearts to notice your voice.

***In the song of birds... in the rustle of leaves...
in the warmth of the sun***

in the wetness of the rain.

In the wisdom of other peoples and cultures.

In our own longing for connection and Oneness.

Thank you for this time of prayer, reflection and learning.

We come ready and grateful to receive You.

Confession and Forgiveness

Before God, with the people of God, I admit my fears and failings...
the way I wound my life, the lives of others, and the life of the world

***May God forgive you; Christ renew you,
and the Spirit enable you to grow in love.***

(silence)

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***With the whole church,
we affirm that we are made in God's image,
befriended by Christ, empowered by the Spirit.
With people everywhere,
we affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity,
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.***

With all creation,

***We celebrate the miracle and wonder of life:
the unfolding purposes of God,
forever at work in ourselves and the world. Amen.***

Opening Hymn: God the Creator

CP #445

¹God the Creator, you in love made me
who once was nothing but now have grown.
I bring the best of all my life offers;
for you I share whatever I own.

²O Christ the Saviour, you in love called me
who once was no one, lost and alone.
I pledge to go wherever you summon,
making your will and purpose my own.

³O God the Spirit, you in love move me
who once was nowhere and felt unknown.
I know my need of you for companion:
all things can change when not on my own.

⁴And with the people summoned together
to be the church in which faith is sown,
I make my promise to live for Jesus
and let the world know all are his own.

The Collect – Prayer of the Day *Common Worship: Additional Collects (2004) alt.*

Faithful God, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies
never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the
gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

Scripture: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Reader: Paddy Waymark

A land of streams

For the LORD your God is bringing you into a good land, a land with flowing streams, with springs and underground waters welling up in valleys and hills, a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive oil and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity, where you will lack nothing, a land whose stones are iron and from whose hills you may mine copper. You shall eat your fill and bless the LORD your God for the good land that he has given you. "Take care that you do not forget the LORD your God by failing to keep his commandments, his ordinances, and his statutes that I am commanding you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses and live in them and when your herds and flocks have multiplied and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, then do not exalt yourself, forgetting the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, who led you through the great and terrible wilderness, an arid wasteland with poisonous snakes and scorpions. He made water flow for you from flint rock. He fed you in the wilderness with manna that your ancestors did not know, to humble you and to test you and in the end to do you good. Do not say to yourself, 'My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth.' But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, so that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your ancestors, as he is doing today.

The Word of God.

We give thanks for this word today.

Hymn: Praise to God, Immortal Praise

CP #263

¹Praise to God, immortal praise,
for the love that crowns our days;
bounteous Source of every joy,
let thy praise our tongues employ:

²for the blessings of the fields,
for the stores the garden yields,
flocks that whiten all the plain;
yellow sheaves of ripened grain,

³all that spring with bounteous hand
scatters o'er the smiling land,
all that liberal autumn pours
from its rich o'erflowing stores.

⁴These, to thee, O God, we owe,
Source whence all our blessings flow;
and for these our souls shall raise
grateful vows and solemn praise.

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 Luke

Glory to you, Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation: Halle, Halle

VU #958

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah

Luke 17:11-19 (NRSVUE)

The healed leper gives thanks to Jesus

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten with a skin disease approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus's feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? So where are the other nine? Did none of them return to give glory to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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Sermon: Beloved... in all circumstances...

An Affirmation of Faith

New Zealand Prayer Book

You, O God, are supreme and holy.

You create our world and give us life.

Your purpose overarches everything we do.

You have always been with us.

You are God.

***You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.***

You came to us before we came to you.

***You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ,
Who lived and died and rose again.***

You are with us now.

You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.

You empower us to be your gospel in the world.

You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.

You are our God. We worship you.

Life & Work of the Church

Prayers of the People

Lynette Jackson

Loving 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

(with quiet music, offering now to be collected and brought forward)

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: Hilary Plowright, Don Moser

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!

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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: We Plough the Fields

CP #258

¹We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand;
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.

[Refrain]
All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord
for all his love.

²He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star.
The winds and waves obey him;
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread. [R]

³We thank thee, then, O Father,
for all things bright and good,
the seed-time and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
for all thy love imparts,
and, what thou most desirest,
our humble, thankful hearts. [R]

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

We must learn to acknowledge that the creation is full of mystery; we will never entirely understand it. We must abandon arrogance and stand in awe. We must recover the sense of the majesty of creation, and the ability to be worshipful in its presence. For I do not doubt that it is only on the condition of humility and reverence before the world that our species will be able to remain in it.

Wendell Berry "The Long Legged house"