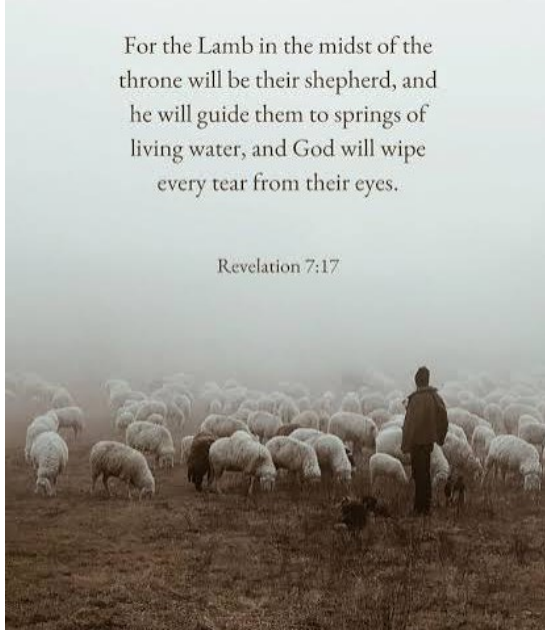


Christ Church Gabriola

A Collaborative Anglican – United Church
Open to All

For the Lamb in the midst of the
throne will be their shepherd, and
he will guide them to springs of
living water, and God will wipe
every tear from their eyes.

Revelation 7:17



Hybrid Worship
ALL SAINTS DAY
1 NOVEMBER 2026

Minister: Mona Smart
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

Prelude

Gathering Words

We thank you, God, that you have again brought us together to praise you
for your goodness and to ask for your blessing. Give us grace to see your
hand in the week that is past, and your purpose in the week to come.

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.***

Call to Worship

2 Corinthians 13:14

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.

Acknowledgement of All Saints Day

***For all the saints, who have gone before us, who have spoken to
our hearts, and touched us with your light, we praise you, God.***

Lighting of Candle

Adapted from Iona Resources

As we gather for worship,

***may God's Wisdom guide us,
for her counsel is deeper and more spacious than the sea.
May the light of Christ illuminate our way,
the light that can never be extinguished.
May the refreshing wind of God's Spirit blow through our lives.
We light this candle as we draw near to God and to one another.***
(candle lighting)

Opening Hymn: O Come and Let Us Sing (x2)

MV #9

O come and let us sing to God, our hope,
God's mercy is for ever.

Prayer of Forgiveness

Iona Abbey Worship Book

Loving God,

***For the wrong we have done and the good we have not done,
forgive us. For our anxieties and fear that cause us to feel
separated from the peace of Christ, forgive us.***

Prayer for Illumination and Grace

ACC-UCC

We are assured that even those things that are hidden from memory, or are too deep for our words, are not beyond God's forgiving love. We ask that you amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways. Amen

Affirmation of Faith

The Lord our God 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 great commandment. The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself. There is no greater commandment than these.

Peace of Christ

Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you;" my peace I give you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled or afraid."

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us share the peace of Christ with one another.

Prayer Before the Reading of Scripture

Psalms 119

O God,

Your Word is a lamp to our feet, and light to our path.

Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love. Amen

Scripture: Revelation 7:9-17 (NRSVUE)

Reader: Nancy Hetherington Peirce

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

This is the Word of God

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Reader: Nancy Hetherington Peirce

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 Matthew.

Glory to you, Christ Jesus.

Matthew 5:1-12 (NRSVUE)

The Beatitudes

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the who were before you.

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Thanks be to God

Word: A Reflection

Hymn of Response: Come My Way, My Truth

¹Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:
such a way as gives us breath;
such a truth as ends all strife;
such a life as killeth death.

²Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength:
such a light as shows a feast;
such a feast as mends in length;
such a strength as makes his guest.

³Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:
such a joy as none can move;
such a love as none can part;
such a heart as joys in love.

Life & Work of the Church

Prayers of the People

Loving God,

Hear our Prayers.

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

***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.***

Offering (*offering now to be collected*)

Offering Prayer

In the name and in the spirit of Jesus, we bring our gifts to you, O God.
Help us to give with them a ready mind, a willing spirit, and a joyful heart.

Amen.

VU #628

Lynette Jackson

VU #959

Closing Hymn: Go Forth For God

¹Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,
till in the kingdom we see face to face.
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.

²Go forth for God, go to the world in love;
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;
help the afflicted; richly from above
his love supplies the grace and power we seek.
Go forth for God, go to the world in love.

³Go forth for God, go to the world in strength;
hold fast the good, be urgent for the right;
render to no one evil; Christ at length
shall overcome all darkness with his light.
Go forth for God, go to the world in strength.

⁴Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,
to serve God's people every day and hour,
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.
Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

Blessing & Sending

***God be in our head, and in our understanding.
God be in our eyes, and in our looking.
God be in our mouth, and in our speaking.
God be in our heart, and in our loving.
God be at your end, and at your departing.***

***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, forever and ever!
Amen***

Postlude

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