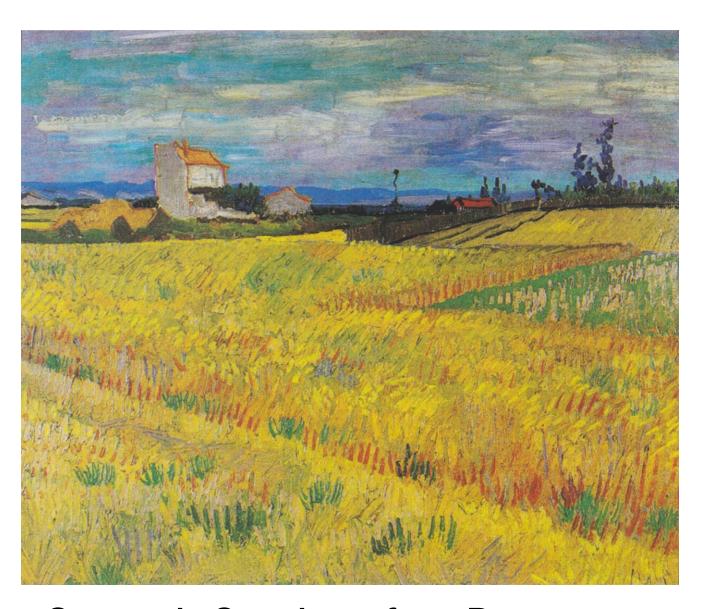


23<sup>rd</sup> July 2017



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

## Welcome!

We bid you a very warm welcome to our worship. As we gather in this sacred space, silent prayer and reflection helps us to prepare for the service. We acknowledge our presence is on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Coast Salish Peoples. Listening devices are available for the hearing impaired during the service; please contact one of our greeters.

Prelude

Allegretto (from Sonata IV)

Felix Mendelssohn

Words of welcome

Please rise as you are able to sing our opening Hymn No. 327, in Common Praise.

- I Lo, God is here! let us adore, and own how awesome is this place; let all within us feel God's power and bow before the hidden face. Redeeming Lord, your grace we prove, serve you with awe, with reverence love.
- 2 Lo, God is here! Both day and night united choirs of angels sing; to God, enthroned above all height, heaven's host their noblest praises bring; disdain not, Lord, our meaner song, who praise you with a stammering tongue.
- 3 Being of beings, may our praise your courts with grateful fragrance fill; still may we stand before your face, still hear and do your sovereign will; to you may all our thoughts arise, ceaseless, accepted sacrifice.

Priest

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

ΑII

And also with you.

Priest All Let us pray.

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.

Please rise as you are able to sing together the 'Gloria in Excelsis.'



Priest Let us pray.

All **O God**,

as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries, may our lives be a continual offering, holy and acceptable in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Children's focus

Please sit for a reading from the Book of Genesis

(Chapter 28.10-19a)

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!' And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel; but the name of the city was Luz at the first.

Reader All Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

#### Please rise as you are able to chant Psalm 139



- Lord, you have searched me 'out and ' known me. \*
- <sup>2</sup> You know my sitting down and my rising up; you dis'cern my 'thoughts from a'far.
- <sup>3</sup> You trace my journeys 'and my 'resting-places \* and are ac'quainted with 'all my' ways.
- 2nd <sup>4</sup> Indeed, there is not a 'word on my' lips, \* but you, O Lord, 'know it 'alto'gether.
  - <sup>5</sup> You press upon me be hind and be fore \* and lay your hand up on me.
  - <sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too 'wonder-ful for' me; \* it is so high that I 'cannot at'tain to' it.
  - Where can I go then 'from your' Spirit? \*
    Where can I 'flee 'from your' presence?
  - If I climb up to heaven, 'you are 'there; \*

    if I make the grave my bed, 'you are 'there' also.
  - If I take the 'wings of the 'morning \* and dwell in the 'utter-most 'parts of the 'sea,
  - oven there your 'hand will 'lead me \* and your 'mighty hand 'hold me' fast.
  - If I say, "Surely the 'darkness will 'cover me, \* and the light ar'ound me 'turn to' night."
  - Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright 'as the 'day; \* darkness and light to 'you are 'both a'like.
  - <sup>23</sup> Search me out, O God, and 'know my 'heart; \* try me and 'know my 'restless 'thoughts.
  - <sup>24</sup> Look well whether there be any 'wicked-'ness in 'me \* and lead me in the way 'that is 'ever'lasting.

Glory be to the Father, and 'to the 'Son,\* and 'to the 'Holy 'Spirit;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and 'ever 'shall be,\* world without 'end. 'A-'men.

Please sit for a reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (Ch 8.12-25)

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader All Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able to sing our Gradual Hymn No 631 in Common Praise

- I The kingdom of God is justice and joy, For Jesus restores what sin would destroy. God's power and glory in Jesus we know, And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.
- 2 The kingdom of God is mercy and grace; The captives are freed, the sinners find place. The outcasts are welcomed God's banquet to share, And hope is awakened in place of despair.
- 3 The kingdom of God is challenge and choice; believe the good news, repent and rejoice! His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross, Our crisis of judgment for gain and for loss.

We remain standing and turn to face the Deacon



Deacon Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Deacon Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to

St Matthew (Chapter 13.24-30, 36-43)

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

At the conclusion of the Gospel

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

4 God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal, In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole. The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call, and all things cry "Glory!" to God All-in-All.

Sermon The Reverend Liz Hamel

Silence for reflection

ΑII

Please rise as you are able

Priest 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 him 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 man.

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.

Please remain standing or kneel for our prayers

At the conclusion of the Prayers of the People

Intercessor Rejoicing in the fellowship of Mary the mother of Jesus, and

St John the Beloved, our patron and all the saints we commend ourselves and all people to your unfailing love.

Merciful Father:

All Accept these our prayers for the sake of your Son

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Confession and Absolution** 

Priest Dear friends in Christ.

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;

God welcomes sinners

and invites them to this table.

Let us confess our sins,

confident in God's forgiveness.

Silence is kept

Priest Most merciful God,

All 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.

Priest

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Please rise as you are able for the Peace

Priest Jesus said, 'Peace be with you. Peace I leave with you;

my peace I give to you.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Please exchange a sign of peace

During the singing of Hymn No 362 in Common Praise, a collection will be taken.

- I Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord! Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice; tender to me the promise of his word; in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.
- 2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
  Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
  his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
  his holy name the Lord, the mighty one.
- 3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might! Powers and dominions lay their glory by; proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight, the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word! Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord to children's children and forevermore!

#### Prayer over the gifts

Priest

Giver of life,

receive all we offer you this day.

Let the Spirit you bestow on your Church

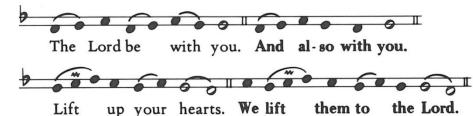
continue to work in the world

through the hearts of all who believe.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

ΑII

Amen.





Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

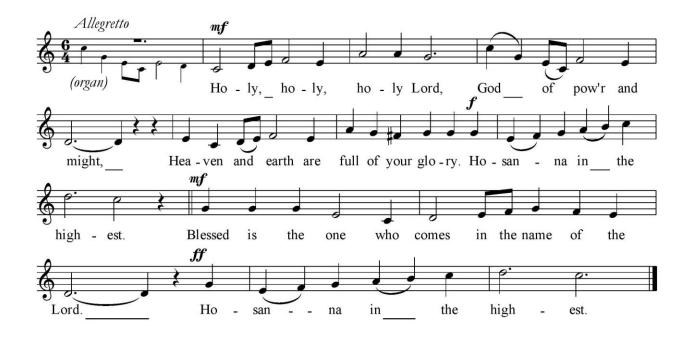
Priest

Holy God, Lover of creation, we give you thanks and praise for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.

When we turn from your love and defile the earth, you do not abandon us.

Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah, through prophets, sages, and saints in every age, to confront our sin and reveal the vision of your new creation.

Joining in the song of the universe we proclaim your glory saying (singing):



#### **Priest**

Gracious God,

in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ to share our fragile humanity.

Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection you open the path from brokenness to health, from fear to trust, from pride and conceit to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world that could not bear the Gospel of life, Jesus knew death was near. His head anointed for burial by an unknown woman, Jesus gathered together those who loved him. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his friends, saying, "Take and eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, gave you thanks, and said "Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant

which is shed for you and for many.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."
And now we gather at this table
in response to his commandment,
to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love,
and to proclaim our faith.

All Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Priest Breathe your Holy Spirit,

the wisdom of the universe,

upon these gifts that we bring to you:

this bread, this cup,

ourselves, our souls and bodies,

that we may be signs of your love for all the world

and ministers of your transforming purpose.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, Creator of all, and we bless your holy name for ever.

All Amen.

ΑII

Priest As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name,

thy kingdom come,

thy will be done,

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those

who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom,

the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Priest We break this bread

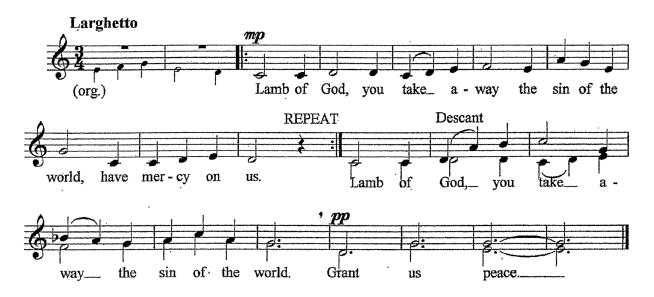
to share in the body of Christ.

All We, being many, are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

Priest The gifts of God for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.



We invite all baptized Christians to receive Communion at our altar. If you wish to receive a blessing please come at the same time. Intinction is not permitted as it contaminates the wine. It is acceptable to receive either bread or wine only.

If you are unable to make your way to the altar please ask a sidesperson to have Communion brought to you. Gluten free wafers are available.

Communion Anthem Panis Angelicus C Franck

May the Bread of Angels
Become bread for mankind;
The Bread of Heaven puts
All foreshadowings to an end;
Oh, thing miraculous!
The body of the Lord will nourish
the poor, the servile, and the humble.

You God, Three

And One, we beseech;

That You visit us, As we worship You.

By Your ways,

lead us where we are heading, to the light that You inhabitest.

Amen.

#### Please rise as you are able

Priest Living God,

in this sacrament we have shared in your eternal kingdom.

May we who taste this mystery

forever serve you in faith, hope, and love.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

Priest Glory to God,

All whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more

than we ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in

Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

We sit for the notices

Please rise as you are able for the Blessing

We sing our final Hymn No. 384 in Common Praise.

I Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation. O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation: All ye who hear, brothers and sisters draw near, praise him in glad adoration.

- 2 Praise to the Lord,
  who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
  shelters thee under his wings,
  yea, so gently sustaineth:
  hast thou not see
  how thy entreaties have been
  granted in what he ordaineth?
- 3 Praise to the Lord,
  who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
  surely his goodness and mercy
  here daily attend thee:
  ponder anew
  what the Almighty can do,
  if with his love he befriend thee.
- 4 Praise to the Lord,
  who, when tempests their warfare are waging,
  who, when the elements madly
  around thee are raging,
  biddeth them cease,
  turneth their fury to peace,
  whirlwinds and waters assuaging.
- 5 Praise to the Lord,
  who when darkness of sin is abounding,
  who when the godless do triumph,
  all virtue confounding,
  sheddeth his light,
  chaseth the horrors of night,
  saints with his mercy surrounding.
- O let all that is in me adore him!
  All that hath life and breath
  come now with praises before him!
  Let the Amen
  sound from his people again:
  gladly for aye we adore him.

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

Postlude Toccata Eugene Gigout

The organ postlude is to uplift us as we go out into the world. Please refrain from applauding. Please join us in the Trendell Lounge for refreshments.

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## **Sunday services**

8:00am Holy Communion (BCP)

10:00am Sung Eucharist

## Wednesday service

9:30am Holy Communion

Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings and Confessions are by appointment with the Rector. Please contact us if you would like to have our weekly newsletter emailed to you. Cover: Wheat Fields by Van Gogh 1888





# Memorial Garden Service

Sunday Sept 24 at 3 o'clock

Join us for a special service of Choral Evensong as we remember loved ones whose ashes have been placed in our Memorial Garden. A reception in the Trendell Lounge will follow. All welcome.



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