



12th November 2017



**Twenty-third 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 unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh Nations. Listening devices are available for the hearing impaired during the service; please contact one of our greeters.

Prelude improvisation

Words of welcome

Please rise as you are able to sing our opening Hymn No. 476 in Common Praise.

- 1 God, you have caused to be
written your word for our learning;
grant us that, hearing,
our hearts may be inwardly burning.
Give to us grace,
that in your Son we embrace
life, all its glory discerning.**
- 2 Now may our God give us joy,
and all peace in believing
all things were written in truth
for our thankful receiving.
As Christ did preach,
through all the world love must reach;
grant us each day love's achieving.**
- 3 Lord, should the powers of the earth
and the heavens be shaken,
grant us to see you in all things,
our vision awaken.
Help us to see,
though all the earth cease to be,
your truth shall never be shaken.**

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

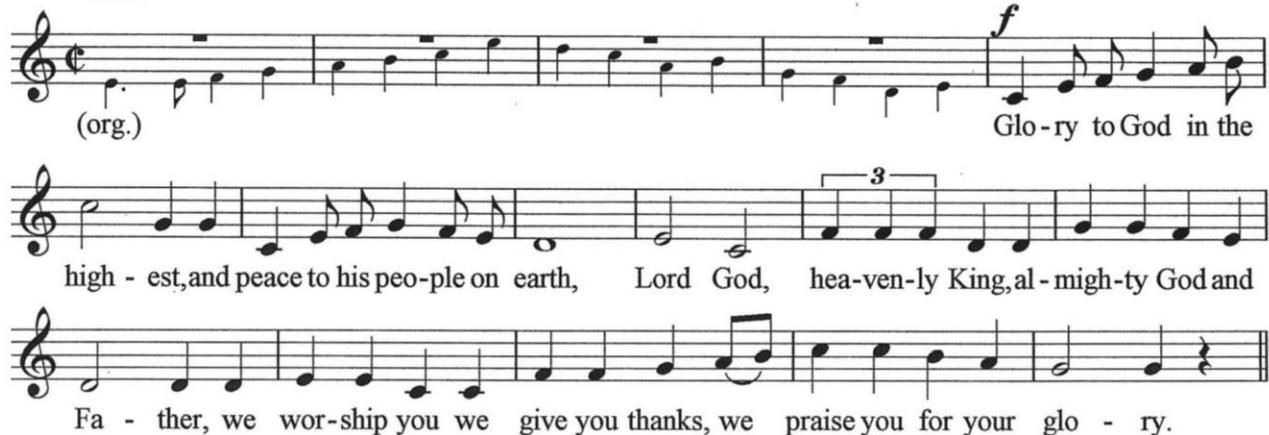
All **And also with you.**

Priest Let us pray.

All **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.'

Vivo



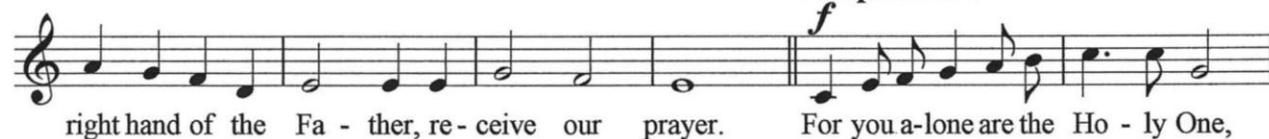
(org.) *f* Glo-ry to God in the
high - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth, Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al- migh-ty God and
Fa - ther, we wor-ship you we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

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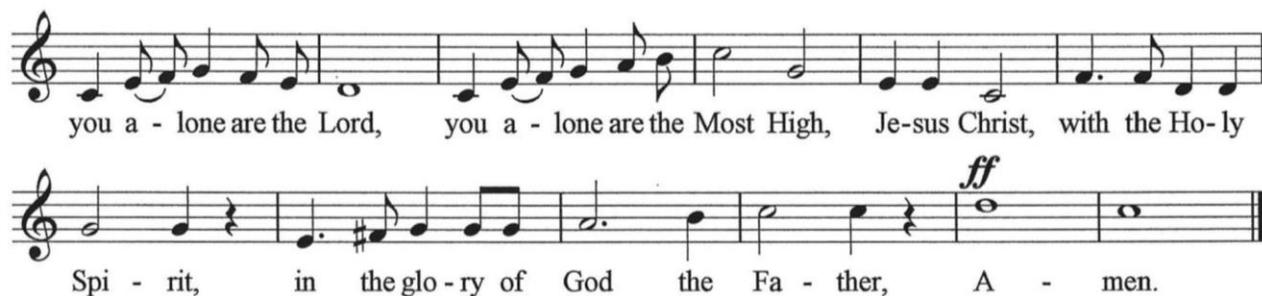


mp Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you
take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are sea - ted at the

Tempo Primo



f right hand of the Fa-ther, re-ceive our prayer. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly One,



Priest

Let us pray.

All

**Brighten your Church, O God,
with the promise of your kingdom,
and waken our hearts to its light.
Bid us hasten with faith undimmed
to greet the bridegroom's return
and join the wedding feast.**

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Children's focus

Please sit for a reading from the Book of Joshua (Chapter 24.1-3a, 14-25)

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac;

'Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.'

Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.' And the people said to Joshua, 'No, we will serve the Lord!' Then Joshua said to the people, 'You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him.' And they said, 'We are witnesses.' He said, 'Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel.' The people said to Joshua, 'The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey.' So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

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

Please remain seated to chant Psalm 78

Cantor sings Refrain



We will re-count to gen-er-a-tions to come the pow-er of the Lord.

All sing Refrain

Choir only ¹ Hear my teaching, ¹O my people; *
 incline your ears to the words ¹of my mouth.
² I will open my mouth ¹in a parable; *
 I will declare the mysteries of ¹ancient times.
³ That which we have heard and known,
 and what our ances-¹tors have told us, *
 we will not hide ¹from their children.
⁴ We will recount to generations to come
 the praiseworthy deeds and the power ¹of the Lord, *
 who has done won-¹derful works.

All sing Refrain



Choir only ⁵ The Lord gave a decree to Jacob and established a ¹law for Israel, *
 commanding them to ¹teach their children;
⁶ that the generations to come might know,
 and the children ¹yet unborn; *
 that they in their turn might tell it ¹to their children;
⁷ so that they might put their ¹trust in God, *
 and not forget those mighty deeds,
 but keep ¹the commandments;

All sing Refrain

*Please sit for a reading from the first Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians
 (chapter 4.13-18)*

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's

call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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

Please rise as you are able to sing our Gradual Hymn No. 505 in Common Praise

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art-
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father; thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.**
- 3 Riches I heed not, nor the world's empty praise;
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.**

We remain standing and turn to face the Deacon



Deacon Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.
All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Deacon Blessing are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
All **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 25.1-13)

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

‘Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, “Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.” Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.” But the wise replied, “No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.” And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.” Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

At the conclusion of the Gospel

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**4 High King of heaven, when victory is won,
may I reach heaven’s joys, bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Sermon The Venerable John Stephens

After a time of reflection, please rise as you are able

Priest
All

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,
**I believe in God,
the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again
to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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 God:

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 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 560 in Common Praise, a collection will be taken.

- 1 God, whose almighty Word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight:
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light!**
- 2 Saviour, who came to bring
on your redeeming wing
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
now for all humankind
let there be light!**
- 3 Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed on your flight!
Move on the water's face
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light!**
- 4 Gracious and holy Three,
glorious Trinity,
wisdom, love, might,
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride:
through the world far and wide
let there be light!**

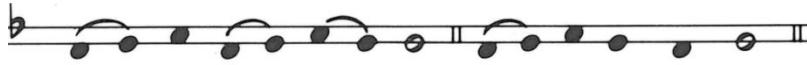
Prayer over the gifts

Priest Gracious God,
your word to us is food indeed.
Receive all we offer you this day,

and let your loving-kindness be our comfort,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, your living Word.

All

Amen.



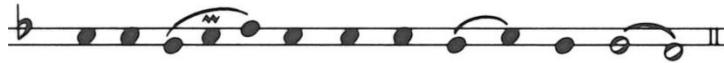
The Lord be with you. And al- so with you.



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.

Priest

Eternal God, Source of all being,
we give you thanks and praise
for your faithful love.
You call us into friendship
with you and one another
to be your holy people,
a sign of your presence in the world.

When those we trust betray us,
unfailingly you remain with us.
When we injure others,
you confront us in your love
and call us to the paths of righteousness.
You stand with the weak,
and those, broken and alone,
whom you have always welcomed home,
making the first last, and the last first.
Therefore we raise our voices
with angels and archangels,
forever praising you and saying (singing):

(organ) Ho - - ly, ho - - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
power and might, Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - - na in the high - est.

Priest

Blessed are you, O Holy One:
when Hagar was driven into the wilderness
you followed her and gave her hope.
When Joseph was sold into bondage,
you turned malice to your people's good.
When you called Israel out of slavery,
you brought them through the wilderness
into the promised land.
When your people were taken into exile
you wept with them by the river of Babylon
and carried them home.

All

Restore us, O God, let your face shine!

Priest

At the right time you sent your Anointed One
to stand with the poor,
the outcast, and the oppressed.
Jesus touched lepers, and the sick, and healed them.

He accepted water from a woman of Samaria
and offered her the water of new life.
Christ knew the desolation of the cross
and opened the way for all humanity
into the redemption of your reconciling love.

On the night he was betrayed,
Jesus, at supper with his friends,
took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread,
gave it to them, and said, "Take and eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine,
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Loving and Holy One,
recalling Christ's death and resurrection,
we offer you these gifts,
longing for the bread of tomorrow
and the wine of the age to come.
Therefore we proclaim our hope.

All **Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life.
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Priest Pour out your Spirit on these gifts
that through them you may sustain us
in our hunger for your peace.
We hold before you
all whose lives are marked by suffering,
our sisters and brothers.
When we are broken and cast aside,
embrace us in your love.

All **Restore us, O God, let your face shine!**

Priest Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours,
O Source of all life,
now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Priest As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

All **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.**

Priest Creator of all,
you gave us golden fields of wheat,
whose many grains we have gathered
and made into this one bread.

All **So may your Church be gathered
from the ends of the earth
into your kingdom.**

Priest The gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Larghetto

(org.) Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -

way the sin of the world. Grant us peace.

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 Thy Word is a Lantern Purcell

Please rise as you are able

*Priest Living God,
in the eucharist you fill us with new hope.
May the power of your love,
which we have known in word and sacrament,
continue your saving work among us,
and bring us to the joy you promise.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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

Priest The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

We sing our final Hymn No. 399 in Common Praise.

- 1 Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.**
- 2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and nourish us with grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world in the next.**
- 3 All praise and thanks to God
eternal now be given,
to Spirit and to Word,
who reign in highest heaven:
our ever faithful God,
whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.**

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Wachet Auf (Sleepers Wake)

JS Bach

The organ postlude is to uplift us as we go out into the world. Kindly 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

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Anglican Worship

Why we do what we do

Come and be part of an exploration of Anglican worship as we examine our liturgy. We will offer insights and opportunity to examine our traditions and practice.

7:15pm in the Trendell Lounge

- Nov 7 **Gather and Tell**
- Nov 14 **Bless and Break**
- Nov 21 **Vestments and Vessels**
- Nov 28 **A Teaching Eucharist**