

DIALOGUE

At other times, we would gather at the Sorrento Centre on the traditional and unceded territory of the Secwepemc (Sue-wep-meek) people. Since time immemorial, the Secwepemc people have practiced virtues and lived lives of harmony with Mother Earth and generosity towards one another. In acknowledging the land, we acknowledge the people and their values, which have so much to teach and guide us in the 21st century.
From many places and peoples we come to this platform in prayer.

In this time and place we gather in the name of the living God.
We meet in the presence of Jesus Christ, risen and alive.

In this time and in this space
we gather with the community of faith around the globe and across the ages
In this time and space heaven and earth are one.

In this time and space we are not alone, but one in Christ.
Knit together in the unity of the Spirit.

In this time and place hallowed, expectant, one people in God.
**In the name of the Holy and Blessed One,
Creator, Redeemer and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Let us hold this moment open to the Spirit of God. *Silence*

Let us thank God for the privilege of community, even virtually and sometimes distant.
Amen.

MUSIC CP 621 Dean Ken

1. Before the world began one Word was there;
grounded in God he was, rooted in care;
by him all things were made;
in him was love displayed;
through him God spoke and said, 'I am for you.'

2. Life found in him its source; death found its end;
light found in him its course, darkness its friend,

for neither death nor doubt
nor darkness can put out
the glow of God, the shout: 'I am for you.'

3. The Word was in the world which from him came;
unrecognized he was, unknown by name;
one with all humankind,
with the unloved aligned,
convincing sight and mind: 'I am for you.'

4. All who received the Word by God were blessed;
sisters and brothers they of earth's fond guest.
So did the Word of Grace
proclaim in time and space
and with a human face, 'I am for you.'

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PSALM 45

- 1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;
let me recite what I have fashioned for the king;
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled writer.
- 2 You are the fairest of mortals;
grace flows from your lips,
because God has blessed you for ever.
- 3 Strap your sword upon your thigh, O mighty warrior,
in your pride and in your majesty.
- 4 Ride out and conquer in the cause of truth and for the sake of justice.
Your mighty hand will show you marvellous things;
- 5 your arrows are very sharp, O mighty warrior;
the peoples are falling at your feet,
and your enemies are losing heart.
- 6 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and ever,
a sceptre of righteousness is the sceptre of your dominion.
- 7 You love righteousness and hate iniquity.
Therefore God, your God, has anointed you
with the oil of gladness above your companions.
- 8 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and cassia,
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you glad.
- 9 The daughters of rulers stand among the ladies of the court;

- at your side is the queen, adorned with the gold of Ophir.**
- 10 "Hear, O daughter; consider and listen closely;
forget your people and your father's house.
- 11 The king will have pleasure in your beauty;
he is your master; therefore do him honour.
- 12 The people of Tyre are here with a gift;
the rich among the people seek your favour."
- 13 All glorious is the princess as she enters;
her gown is cloth-of-gold.
- 14 In embroidered apparel she is brought to her sovereign;
after her the bridesmaids follow in procession.
- 15 With joy and gladness they are brought,
and enter into the royal palace.
- 16 "In place of fathers, O king, you shall have sons;
you shall make them princes over all the earth.
- 17 I will make your name to be remembered from one generation to another;
therefore nations will praise you for ever and ever."

A READING from the Book of Sirach 24:1-12

Wisdom praises herself,
and tells of her glory in the midst of her people.
In the assembly of the Most High she opens her mouth,
and in the presence of his hosts she tells of her glory:
'I came forth from the mouth of the Most High,
and covered the earth like a mist.
I dwelt in the highest heavens,
and my throne was in a pillar of cloud.
Alone I compassed the vault of heaven
and traversed the depths of the abyss.
Over waves of the sea, over all the earth,
and over every people and nation I have held sway.
Among all these I sought a resting-place;
in whose territory should I abide?
'Then the Creator of all things gave me a command,
and my Creator chose the place for my tent.
He said, "Make your dwelling in Jacob,
and in Israel receive your inheritance."
Before the ages, in the beginning, he created me,
and for all the ages I shall not cease to be.
In the holy tent I ministered before him,

and so I was established in Zion.
Thus in the beloved city he gave me a resting-place,
and in Jerusalem was my domain.
I took root in an honoured people,
in the portion of the Lord, his heritage.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word
Thanks be to God

A READING from the Book of Revelation 11:14-19

The second woe has passed. The third woe is coming very soon. Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying,

‘The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord
and of his Messiah,
and he will reign for ever and ever.’

Then the twenty-four elders who sit on their thrones before God fell on their faces and worshipped God, singing,

‘We give you thanks, Lord God Almighty,
who are and who were,
for you have taken your great power
and begun to reign.
The nations raged,
but your wrath has come,
and the time for judging the dead,
for rewarding your servants, the prophets
and saints and all who fear your name,
both small and great,
and for destroying those who destroy the earth.’

Then God’s temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple; and there were flashes of lightning, rumblings, peals of thunder, an earthquake, and heavy hail.

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A time of quiet

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
He was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
And was obedient to death,
Even death on the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
And given him the name above every name:
That at the name of Jesus,
Every knee should bow,
And every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
To the glory of God the Father. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Blessed are you, O Child of our days*,
For your light that dapples through creation
On leaves that shimmer in the morning sun
And in the showers of rain and flurries of snow that wash the earth.
Blessed are you, O Christ, For you awaken me to life.
Blessed are you, For you stir me to true desire.

*Inclusive of "Son of Man"

Quiet prayers are invited (Specific intentions are listed after MP for each day)

Lord God our redeemer,
who heard the cry of your people
and sent your servant Moses
to lead them out of slavery,
free us from the tyranny of sin and death,
and by the leading of your Spirit
bring us to our promised land;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**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.**

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,
For ever and ever. Amen**

MUSIC CP 401 Primate Linda

My life flows on in endless song
above earth's lamentation.
I hear the real though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.

Refrain No storm can shake my inmost calm,
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Love is lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife,
I hear that music ringing;
it sounds and echoes in my soul;
how can I keep from singing? Refrain

What though the tempest 'round me roar,
I hear the truth it liveth.
What though the darkness 'round me close,
songs in the night it giveth. Refrain

When tyrants tremble, sick with fear,
and hear their death knells ringing;
when friends rejoice both far and near,
how can I keep from singing? Refrain

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
a fountain ever springing.
All things are mine since I am his;
how can I keep from singing? Refrain

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PRAYERS

Tuesday, October 27

Anglican Communion

Renk (South Sudan) The Rt Revd Joseph Garang Atem

Daejeon (Korea) The Most Revd Moses Nagjun Yoo (Primate)

Kumi (Uganda) The Rt Revd Edison Irigei

Diocese of Kootenay

St. Stephen's, Summerland: David Irving, Interim Priest

Territory

Vancouver School of Theology, Principal Richard Topping and staff. Sorrento Centre staff, Executive Director the Rev. Michael Shapcott, and all who participate.

DIALOGUE

From the community of creation, we come O God

To honour your gifts to us and all people and places, things visible and invisible

From the depths of our heart to the heights of our conclusions

Your Spirit dwells with us, about us, before and behind

May Christ, in faithfulness to us

Dwell in our hearts and minds, now and always

Let us hold this moment open to the Spirit of God. *Silence*

Let us thank God for the privilege of community, even virtually and sometimes distant.

Amen.

PSALM 48

1 Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised;

in whose city is the holy hill of God.

2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy of all the earth, is the hill of Zion,

the very centre of the world and the city of the great sovereign.

3 God is in its citadels

and is known to be its sure refuge.

4 Behold, the rulers of the earth assembled

and marched forward together.

5 They looked and were astounded;

they retreated and fled in terror.

6 Trembling seized them there;

they writhed like a woman in childbirth,

7 like ships of the sea

when the east wind shatters them.

8 As we have heard, so have we seen,

in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God;

God has established it for ever.

9 We have waited in silence on your loving-kindness, O God,

in the midst of your temple.

10 Your praise, like your name, O God, reaches to the world's end;

your hand is full of justice.

11 Let Mount Zion be glad and the cities of Judah rejoice,

because of your judgements.

12 Make the circuit of Zion; walk round about it;

count the number of its towers.

13 Consider well its bulwarks; examine its strongholds;

that you may tell those who come after.

14 This God is our God for ever and ever,

who shall be our guide for evermore.

A READING from the Gospel according to Luke 11:27-36

While he was saying this, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, 'Blessed is the womb that bore you and the breasts that nursed you!' But he said, 'Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and obey it!'

When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, 'This generation is an evil generation; it asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. For just as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so the Son of Man will be to this generation. The queen of the South will rise at the judgement with the people of this generation and condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to listen to the wisdom of Solomon, and see, something greater than Solomon is here! The people of Nineveh will rise up at the judgement with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the proclamation of Jonah, and see, something greater than Jonah is here!

'No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar, but on the lampstand so that those who enter may see the light. Your eye is the lamp of your body. If your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light; but if it is not healthy, your body is full of darkness. Therefore consider whether the light in you is not darkness. If then your whole body is full of light, with no part of it in darkness, it will be as full of light as when a lamp gives you light with its rays.'

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

Thanks be to God

MUSIC *How Long O Lord?* Psalm 13 Cross and Crown/Canon Chris
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=16exx42b4oE> Text in video

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Hear, O Israel,
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 the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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On leaves that shimmer in the morning sun
And in the showers of rain and flurries of snow that wash the earth.
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and sent your servant Moses
to lead them out of slavery,
free us from the tyranny of sin and death,
and by the leading of your Spirit
bring us to our promised land;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

In the spirit of the Lord's Prayer

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is
And that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God in whom is heaven.**

**The hallowing of your name
Echo through the universe.
The way of your justice be followed
By the peoples of the world.
Your heavenly will be done
By all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
Sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, Amen.**

As night falls

**Lord, it is night.
The night is for stillness.
Let us be still in the presence of God.**

**It is night after a long day.
What has been done has been done;
what has not been done has not been done; let it be.**

**The night is dark.
Let our fears of the darkness of the world
and of our own lives rest in you.**

**The night is quiet.
Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,
all dear to us, and all who have no peace.**

**The night heralds the dawn.
Let us look expectantly
to a new day, new joys, new possibilities.
In your name we pray, Amen.**

1 Day is done, but love unfailing
Dwells ever here;
Shadows fall, but hope prevailing,
Calms ev'ry fear.
Great Creator, none forsaking,
Take our hearts, of love's own making,
Watch our sleeping, guard our waking,
Be always near.

2 Dark descends, but light unending
Shines through our night;
You are with us, ever lending
New strength to sight:
One in love, your truth confessing,
One in hope of heaven's blessing,
May we see, in love's possessing,
Love's endless light!

3 Eyes will close, but you, unsleeping,
Watch by our side;
Death may come, in love's safekeeping
Still we abide.
God of love, all evil quelling,
Sin forgiving, fear dispelling,
Stay with us, our hearts indwelling,
This eventide.

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Wednesday Morning Prayer

Marcella Mugford

St Simon and St Jude, Apostles

DIALOGUE

As the light of dawn awakens earth's creatures
**and stirs into song the birds of the morning
so may I be brought to life this day.**

Rising to see the light to hear the wind
**to smell the fragrance of what grows from the ground
to taste its fruit and touch its textures
so may my inner senses be awakened to you
so may my senses be awakened to you, O God. Amen.**

Let us hold this moment open to the Spirit of God. *Silence*

Let us thank God for the privilege of community, even virtually and sometimes distant.
Amen.

MUSIC CP 494 Primate Linda

1. Not for tongues of heaven's angels,
not for wisdom to discern,
not for faith that masters mountains,
for this better gift we yearn:
may love be ours, O Lord.

2. Love is humble; love is gentle;
love is tender, true and kind;
love is gracious, ever patient,
generous of heart and mind:
may love be ours, O Lord.

3. Never jealous, never selfish,
love will not rejoice in wrong;
never boastful, nor resentful,
love believes and suffers long:
may love be ours, O Lord.

4. In the day this world is fading
faith and hope will play their part,
but when Christ is seen in glory
love shall reign in every heart:
may love be ours, O Lord.

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PSALM 66

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands

be joyful, all the earth.

2 sing the glory of the divine name;

sing the glory of God's praise.

3 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

Because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

4 All the earth bows down before you,

sings to you, sings out your name."

5 Come now and see the works of God,

how wonderful you are, O God, in your doing toward all people.

6 You turned the sea into dry land,

so that they went through the water on foot,

and there we rejoiced in you.

7 In your might you rule for ever;

your eyes keep watch over the nations;

let no rebel rise up against you.

8 Bless our God, you peoples;

make the voice of God's praise to be heard;

9 who holds our souls in life,

and will not allow our feet to slip.

10 For you, O God, have proved us;

you have tried us just as silver is tried.

11 You brought us into the snare;

you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

12 You let enemies ride over our heads;

we went through fire and water;

but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

13 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings

and will pay you my vows,

14 which I promised with my lips

and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

15 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams;
I will give you oxen and goats.
16 Come and listen, all you who fear God,
and I will tell you what the Lord has done for me,
17 The One to whom I called out with my mouth
and whose praise was on my tongue.
18 If I had found evil in my heart,
the Lord would not have heard me;
19 But in truth God has heard me
and has attended to the voice of my prayer.
20 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer,
nor withheld steadfast love from me.

A READING from the Book of Isaiah 28:9-16

‘Whom will he teach knowledge,
and to whom will he explain the message?
Those who are weaned from milk,
those taken from the breast?
For it is precept upon precept, precept upon precept,
line upon line, line upon line,
here a little, there a little.’

Truly, with stammering lip
and with alien tongue
he will speak to this people,
to whom he has said,
‘This is rest;
give rest to the weary;
and this is repose’;
yet they would not hear.
Therefore the word of the Lord will be to them,
‘Precept upon precept, precept upon precept,
line upon line, line upon line,
here a little, there a little’;
in order that they may go, and fall backwards,
and be broken, and snared, and taken.

Therefore hear the word of the Lord, you scoffers
who rule this people in Jerusalem.
Because you have said, ‘We have made a covenant with death,

and with Sheol we have an agreement;
when the overwhelming scourge passes through
it will not come to us;
for we have made lies our refuge,
and in falsehood we have taken shelter';
therefore thus says the Lord God,
See, I am laying in Zion a foundation stone,
a tested stone,
a precious cornerstone, a sure foundation:
'One who trusts will not panic.'

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom
Thanks be to God

A READING from the Book of Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people.'

(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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And given him the name above every name:
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Every knee should bow,
And every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
To the glory of God the Father. Amen**

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Quiet prayers are invited

Almighty God,
we thank you for the glorious company of the apostles,
and especially on this day for Simon and Jude.
As they were faithful and zealous in their mission,
so may we with ardent devotion
make known the love and mercy
of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**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.**

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,
For ever and ever. Amen**

MUSIC Be Thou my vision Cross and Crown/Canon Chris
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PRAYERS

Wednesday, October 28

Anglican Communion

Rhode Island (TEC) The Rt Revd Nicholas Knisely

Dallas (TEC) The Rt Revd George R Sumner Jr

Kootenay

Camp Owaissi: Trevor Freeman (Chair), Ian Dixon (Director), staff and campers.

ACIP: Pray for the congregation of St. John, Shamattawa is now in the Indigenous Spiritual Ministry of Mishamikoweesh and the priest's name is The Rev. Mary Anne Miles and the ministry of all its members.

Territory

All lay canons

DIALOGUE

Out of the silence at the beginning of time you spoke the Word of life.

Out of the world's primeval darkness you flooded the universe with light.

In the quiet of this place in the dark of the night I wait and watch.

**In the stillness of my soul and from its fathomless depths
the senses of my heart are awake to you.**

For fresh soundings of life, for new showings of light,

I search in the silence of my spirit, O God.

MUSIC MV 109 Dean Ken

Refrain My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord,
 thirsting for you, my God.

 My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord,
 thirsting for you, my God,
 thirsting for you, my God.

O God, you are my God,
and I will always praise you.
In the shadow of your wings
I cling to you and you hold me high.

Through the day you walk with me;
all the night your love surrounds me.
To the glory of your name
I lift my hands, I sing your praise.

I will never be afraid,
for I will not be abandoned.
Even when the road grows long and weary
your love will rescue me.

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Psalm 116

1 I love the Lord
who has heard the voice of my supplication,

2 who has listened to me
whenever I called.

3 The cords of death entangled me;
the grip of the grave took hold of me;
I came to grief and sorrow.

4 Then I called upon the name of the Lord:
"O Lord, I pray you, save my life."

5 Gracious is the Lord and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

6 The Lord watches over the innocent;
I was brought very low, and the Lord helped me.

7 Turn again to your rest, O my soul,
for the Lord has treated you well.

8 For you, O Lord, have rescued my life from death,
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.

9 I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living.

10 I believed, even when I said,
"I have been brought very low."

11 In my distress I said,
"No one can be trusted."

12 How shall I repay you, O Lord,
for all the good things you have done for me?

13 I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call upon your name.

14 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all the people.

15 Precious in your sight, O Lord
is the death of your servants.

16 O Lord, I am your servant;
**I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;
you have freed me from my bonds.**

17 I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call upon the name of the Lord.

18 I will fulfil my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all the people of God.

19 In the courts of the house of the Lord,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.
Hallelujah!

A READING from the Book of Isaiah 4:2-6

On that day the branch of the Lord shall be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land shall be the pride and glory of the survivors of Israel. Whoever is left in Zion and remains in Jerusalem will be called holy, everyone who has been recorded for life in Jerusalem, once the Lord has washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion and cleansed the bloodstains of Jerusalem from its midst by a spirit of judgement and by a spirit of burning. Then the Lord will create over the whole site of Mount Zion and over its places of assembly a cloud by day and smoke and the shining of a flaming fire by night. Indeed, over all the glory there will be a canopy. It will serve as a pavilion, a shade by day from the heat, and a refuge and a shelter from the storm and rain.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom

Thanks be to God

A READING from the Gospel according to John 14:15-31

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

‘I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.’ Judas (not Iscariot) said to him, ‘Lord, how is it that you will reveal yourself to us, and not to the world?’ Jesus answered him, ‘Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me.

‘I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, “I am going away, and I am coming to you.” If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe. I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming. He has

no power over me; but I do as the Father has commanded me, so that the world may know that I love the Father. Rise, let us be on our way.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom

Thanks be to God

A POEM For a Time Of Necessary Decision, by John O'Donohue

The mind of time is hard to read.
We can never predict what it will bring,
Nor even from all that is already gone
Can we say what form it finally takes;
For time gathers its moments secretly.
Often we only know it's time to change
When a force has built inside the heart
That leaves us uneasy as we are.

Perhaps the work we do has lost its soul
Or the love where we once belonged
Calls nothing alive in us anymore.
We drift through this gray, increasing nowhere
Until we stand before a threshold we know
We have to cross to come alive once more.

May we have the courage to take the step
Into the unknown that beckons us;
Trust that a richer life awaits us there,
That we will lose nothing
But what has already died;
Feel the deeper knowing in us sure
Of all that is about to be born beyond
The pale frames where we stayed confined,
Not realizing how such vacant endurance
Was bleaching our soul's desire.

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Hear, O Israel,
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 the great commandment.
The second is like it:
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There is no commandment greater than these.**

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Quiet prayers are invited

Lord God our redeemer,
who heard the cry of your people
and sent your servant Moses
to lead them out of slavery,
free us from the tyranny of sin and death,
and by the leading of your Spirit
bring us to our promised land;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

In the spirit of the Lord's Prayer

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain-bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is
And that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God in whom is heaven.**

**The hallowing of your name
Echo through the universe.**

**The way of your justice be followed
By the peoples of the world.
Your heavenly will be done
By all created beings!
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
Sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, Amen.**

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

O LORD, support us all the day long, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then in thy mercy grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last. **Amen.**

MUSIC CP 24 Dean Ken

1 Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away.
Change and decay in all around I see.
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

3 I need thy presence every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and strength can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

4 I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless,
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.

Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

5 Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes.
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me. PD

Thursday Morning Prayer Oct 29

Trevor Freeman

James Hannington, Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa and his Companions, Martyrs, 1885

DIALOGUE

I watch this morning for the light that the darkness has not overcome.

**I watch for the fire that was in the beginning
and that burns still in the brilliance of the rising sun.**

I watch for the glow of life that gleams in the growing earth

And glistens in sea and sky. I watch for your light,

**O God, in the eyes of every living creature
and in the ever-living flame of my own soul.**

If the grace of seeing were mine this day I would glimpse you in all that lives.

Grant me the grace of seeing this day.

Grant me the grace of seeing. Amen.

Let us hold this moment open to the Spirit of God. *Silence*

Let us thank God for the privilege of community, even virtually and sometimes distant.

Amen.

MUSIC MV 135 Dean Ken

Refrain: Called by earth and sky, promise of hope held high,
 This is our sacred living trust,
 Treasure of life sanctified,
 Called by earth and sky.

Precious these waters, endless seas, 4-elements
Deep ocean's dream,
Waters of healing, rivers of rain,
The wash of love again.

Precious this gift, the air we breathe;
Wind born and free.
Breath of the Spirit, blow through this place,
Our gathering and our grace.

Precious these mountains, ancient sands;
Vast fragile land.

Seeds of our wakening, rooted and strong,
Creation's faithful song.

Precious the fire that lights our way,
Bright dawning day.
Fire of passion, sorrows undone,
Our faith and justice one.

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PSALM 50

- 1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken
and has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty,
God reveals the divine glory.
- 3 Our God will come and will not keep silence;
**before whom there is a consuming flame,
and round about whom a raging storm.**
- 4 God calls the heavens and the earth from above
to witness the judgement of this people.
- 5 "Gather before me my loyal followers,
**those who have made a covenant with me
and sealed it with sacrifice."**
- 6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of the divine cause;
for God, God alone, is judge.
- 7 "Hear, O my people, and I will speak:
O Israel, I will bear witness against you;
for I am God, your God.
- 8 I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices;
your offerings are always before me.
- 9 I will take no bull-calf from your stalls,
nor he-goats out of your pens;
- 10 For the beasts of the forest are mine,
the herds in their thousands upon the hills.
- 11 I know every bird in the sky,
and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.
- 12 If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.
- 13 Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls,
or drink the blood of goats?
- 14 Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving

and make good your vows to the Most High.
15 Call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall honour me.”
16 But to the wicked God says:
**“Why do you recite my statutes,
and take my covenant upon your lips;**
17 since you refuse discipline,
and toss my words behind your back?
18 When you see a thief, you make that one your friend,
and you cast in your lot with adulterers.
19 You have loosed your lips for evil,
and harnessed your tongue to a lie.
20 You are always speaking evil of your kin
and slandering your own mother’s child.
These things you have done, and I kept still,
and you thought that I am like you.”
21 “I have made my accusation;
I have put my case in order before your eyes.
22 Consider this well, you who forget God,
lest I rend you and there be none to deliver you.
23 Whoever offers me the sacrifice of thanksgiving honours me;
but to those who keep in my way will I show the salvation of God.”

A READING from the Book of Sirach 31:12-18, 25-32:2

Are you seated at the table of the great?
Do not be greedy at it,
and do not say, ‘How much food there is here!’
Remember that a greedy eye is a bad thing.
What has been created more greedy than the eye?
Therefore it sheds tears for any reason.
Do not reach out your hand for everything you see,
and do not crowd your neighbour at the dish.
Judge your neighbour’s feelings by your own,
and in every matter be thoughtful.
Eat what is set before you like a well-bred person,
and do not chew greedily, or you will give offence.
Be the first to stop, as befits good manners,
and do not be insatiable, or you will give offence.
If you are seated among many others,
do not help yourself before they do.

Do not try to prove your strength by wine-drinking,
for wine has destroyed many.
As the furnace tests the work of the smith,
so wine tests hearts when the insolent quarrel.
Wine is very life to human beings
if taken in moderation.
What is life to one who is without wine?
It has been created to make people happy.
Wine drunk at the proper time and in moderation
is rejoicing of heart and gladness of soul.
Wine drunk to excess leads to bitterness of spirit,
to quarrels and stumbling.
Drunkenness increases the anger of a fool to his own hurt,
reducing his strength and adding wounds.
Do not reprove your neighbour at a banquet of wine,
and do not despise him in his merrymaking;
speak no word of reproach to him,
and do not distress him by making demands of him.

If they make you master of the feast, do not exalt yourself;
be among them as one of their number.
Take care of them first and then sit down;
when you have fulfilled all your duties, take your place,
so that you may be merry along with them
and receive a garland for your excellent leadership.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom
Thanks be to God

A READING from the Book of Revelation 12:7-17

And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world—he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming,

‘Now have come the salvation and the power
and the kingdom of our God

and the authority of his Messiah,
for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down,
who accuses them day and night before our God.
But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony,
for they did not cling to life even in the face of death.
Rejoice then, you heavens
and those who dwell in them!
But woe to the earth and the sea,
for the devil has come down to you
with great wrath,
because he knows that his time is short!

So when the dragon saw that he had been thrown down to the earth, he pursued the woman who had given birth to the male child. But the woman was given the two wings of the great eagle, so that she could fly from the serpent into the wilderness, to her place where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time. Then from his mouth the serpent poured water like a river after the woman, to sweep her away with the flood. But the earth came to the help of the woman; it opened its mouth and swallowed the river that the dragon had poured from his mouth. Then the dragon was angry with the woman, and went off to make war on the rest of her children, those who keep the commandments of God and hold the testimony of Jesus.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom
Thanks be to God

A time of quiet

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**Though he was divine
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
He was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
And was obedient to death,
Even death on the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
And given him the name above every name:
That at the name of Jesus,
Every knee should bow,**

**And every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
To the glory of God the Father. Amen**

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

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we also may obtain the crown of righteousness
which is laid up for all
who love the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

**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.**

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,
For ever and ever. Amen**

MUSIC CP 489 Dean Ken

Music track <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ASrwSjgM2PA>

From the falter of breath,
through the silence of death,
to the wonder that's breaking beyond,
God has woven a way,
unapparent by day,
for all those of whom heaven is fond.

From frustration and pain,
through hope hard to sustain,
to the wholeness here promised, there known,
Christ has gone where we fear
and has vowed to be near
on the journey we make on our own.

From the dimming of light,
through the darkness of night,
to the glory of goodness above,
God the Spirit is sent
to ensure heaven's intent
is embraced and completed in love.

From today till we die,
through all questioning why,
to the place from which time and tide flow,
angels tread on our dreams,

and magnificent themes
of heaven's promise are echoed below.

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PRAYERS

Thursday, October 29

Anglican Communion

Rift Valley (Tanzania) The Rt Revd John Daudi Lupaa

Damaturu (Nigeria) The Rt Revd Yohannah A Audu

Dar-es-Salaam (Tanzania) The Rt Revd Jackson Sosthenes

Kootenay

ACC Archbishop Melissa Skelton, the clergy and people of the Diocese of New Westminster ELCIC/ACC:

An end to gender-based violence and human trafficking.

Territory

All retired clergy

DIALOGUE

Thanks be to you, O God, for the night and for its light,
**For stars that emerge out of evening skies
and the white moon's radiance.**

Thanks be to you for the earth's unfolding of colour
and the bright sheen of creatures from ocean depths.

In the darkneses of the world and in the night of my own soul
**let me be looking with longing for light –
let me be looking in hope. Amen.**

MUSIC CP 600 Dean Ken

You call us out to praise you,
The God who gave us birth,
To gather in communion
And treasure your whole earth;
We are your living story,
To hear and to be heard;
We praise your name, who write us,
The Author and the Word.

For changing hues and textures,
New patterns, still you search,
To weave your seamless garment,
The fabric of your church;
Our tattered faith you cherish,
Reclaim from wear and moth;
We praise your name, who twine us,
The Weaver and the Cloth.

The church that speaks forgiveness
Confesses its own need,
The church that feels its hunger
Finds grace to care and feed;
Our famished world is crying,
Its future filled with dread;
We praise your name, who fill us,

The Baker and the Bread.

The church that offers healing
Discerns its wounds and loss;
The church that faces dying
Shares life beyond the cross;
To people torn and broken
Your mercy is revealed;
We praise your name, who love us,
The Healer and the Healed.

Our feeble voices struggle
To sing your justice clear;
The world is sunk in silence,
Each discord echoes fear;
One voice alone is ragged,
Together we are strong;
We praise your name, who breathe us,
The Singer and the Song.

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PSALM 103

- 1 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all the benefits of the Lord.
- 3 The Lord forgives all your sins
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 redeeming your life from the grave
and crowning you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 satisfying you with good things,
and renewing your youth like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes righteousness
and judgement for all who are oppressed.
- 7 O Lord, you made your ways known to Moses
and your works to the children of Israel.
- 8 You are full of compassion and mercy,
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 You will not always accuse us,
nor will you keep your anger for ever.

- 10 You have not dealt with us according to our sins,
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so is your mercy great upon those who fear you.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west,
so far have you removed our sins from us.
- 13 As parents care for their children,
so do you, O Lord, care for those who fear you.
- 14 For you yourself know whereof we are made;
you remember that we are but dust.
- 15 Our days are like the grass;
we flourish like a flower of the field;
- 16 when the wind goes over it, it is gone,
and its place shall know it no more.
- 17 But your merciful goodness endures for ever on those who fear you,
and your righteousness on children's children;
- 18 on those who keep the covenant
and remember the commandments and do them.
- 19 The Lord is enthroned in heaven,
and has dominion over all.
- 20 Bless the Lord, you angels,
you mighty ones who do the bidding of God,
and hearken to the voice of the word of the Lord.
- 21 Bless the Lord, all you hosts,
you ministers who do the will of God.
- 22 Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord,
in all places of the dominion of the Lord;
bless the Lord, O my soul.

A READING from the Book of Nehemiah 1:1-11

The words of Nehemiah son of Hacaliah. In the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year, while I was in Susa the capital, one of my brothers, Hanani, came with certain men from Judah; and I asked them about the Jews that survived, those who had escaped the captivity, and about Jerusalem. They replied, 'The survivors there in the province who escaped captivity are in great trouble and shame; the wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates have been destroyed by fire.'

When I heard these words I sat down and wept, and mourned for days, fasting and praying before the God of heaven. I said, 'O Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his

commandments; let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for your servants the people of Israel, confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you.

Both I and my family have sinned. We have offended you deeply, failing to keep the commandments, the statutes, and the ordinances that you commanded your servant Moses. Remember the word that you commanded your servant Moses, "If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples; but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are under the farthest skies, I will gather them from there and bring them to the place at which I have chosen to establish my name." They are your servants and your people, whom you redeemed by your great power and your strong hand.

O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight in revering your name. Give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man!

At the time, I was cupbearer to the king.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom

Thanks be to God

A READING from the Gospel according to Luke 11:53-12:12

When he went outside, the scribes and the Pharisees began to be very hostile towards him and to cross-examine him about many things, lying in wait for him, to catch him in something he might say.

Meanwhile, when the crowd gathered in thousands, so that they trampled on one another, he began to speak first to his disciples, 'Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees, that is, their hypocrisy. Nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. Therefore whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be proclaimed from the housetops.

'I tell you, my friends, do not fear those who kill the body, and after that can do nothing more. But I will warn you whom to fear: fear him who, after he has killed, has authority to cast into hell. Yes, I tell you, fear him! Are not five sparrows sold for two pennies? Yet not one of them is forgotten in God's sight. But even the hairs of your head are all counted. Do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

‘And I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others, the Son of Man also will acknowledge before the angels of God; but whoever denies me before others will be denied before the angels of God. And everyone who speaks a word against the Son of Man will be forgiven; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven. When they bring you before the synagogues, the rulers, and the authorities, do not worry about how you are to defend yourselves or what you are to say; for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that very hour what you ought to say.’

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**From trials too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, Amen.**

We believe that God is present
**in the darkness before dawn;
in the waiting and uncertainty
where fear and courage join hands,
conflict and caring link arms,
and the sun rises over barbed wire.**

**We believe in a with-us God
who sits down in our midst
to share our humanity.**

**We affirm a faith
that takes us beyond a safe place:
into action, into vulnerability
and onto the streets.**

**We commit ourselves to work for change
and put ourselves on the line;
to bear responsibility, take risks,
live powerfully
and face humiliation;
to stand with those on the edge;
to choose life and be used by the Spirit
for God's new community of hope. Amen**

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Great God, your love has called us here
as we, by love, for love were made.
Your living likeness still we bear,
though marred, dishonored, disobeyed.
We come, with all our heart and mind
your call to hear, your love to find.

We come with self-inflicted pains
of broken trust and chosen wrong,
half-free, half-bound by inner chains,
by social forces swept along,
by powers and systems close confined,
yet seeking hope for humankind.

Great God, in Christ you call our name
and then receive us as your own,
not through some merit, right or claim,
but by your gracious love alone.
We strain to glimpse your mercy seat
and find you kneeling at our feet.

Then take the towel, and break the bread,
and humble us, and call us friends.
Suffer and serve till all are fed,
and show how grandly love intends

to work till all creation sings,
to fill all worlds, to crown all things.

Great God, in Christ you set us free
your life to live, your joy to share.
Give us your Spirit's liberty
to turn from guilt and dull despair
and offer all that faith can do
while love is making all things new.

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