

Christ Church Gabriola

**A Collaborative Anglican – United Church
Open to All**

We gather on the ancestral lands the Snuneymuxw people.



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VU is Voices United Hymn Book

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MV is More Voices Hymn Book

We Gather to Celebrate God's Presence

All Are Welcome To Worship Together

We welcome you, whoever and wherever you are, to join us on a journey. We strive to accept each other as we are and welcome the ministry and participation of all persons regardless of age, gender identity, health, race, sexual orientation, differing abilities, religious or ethnic background or economic circumstance.

We hope that in all that we do, in our worship and community life, that the Creator's unconditional love is experienced.

We do this trusting The Creator is with us on the journey.

Prelude

An Cailin Fionn by Phil Coulter

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Welcome and Announcements

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

All: And also with you.

***Call to Worship:**

from the Breastplate of St. Patrick

One: I arise today through a mighty strength, the invocation of the Trinity, through belief in the Threeness, through confession of the Oneness of the Creator of creation.

All: I arise today, through Gods' strength to pilot me: God's might to uphold me, God's wisdom to guide me, God's eye to look before me, God's ear to hear me, God's word to speak for me, God's hand to guard me, God's way to lie before me, God's shield to protect me.

***Collect:**

from the Breastplate of St. Patrick

Christ be with us; Christ before us; Christ behind us; Christ in us; Christ beneath us; Christ above us; Christ on our right; Christ on our left; Christ in breadth; Christ in length; Christ when we lie down; Christ when we sit; Christ when we arise; Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of us; Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks to us; Christ in every eye that sees us; Christ in the ear that hears us. Thanks be to God! Amen.

***Hymn:**

I Bind Unto Myself Today

CP #436

Call to Confession: Not only in ancient ruined cities but in and around the modern city are the waste-heaps and garbage of our lives, picked over by the foxes and the crows and the human scavengers who make a living there. Let us acknowledge before God our participation in the cycle of modern life that produces and disposes of waste in God's creation.

Prayer of Confession:

“Waste” Stephen Orchard in Earth Gospel

One: Forgive us, Lord, for mentioning our rubbish in our prayers. We would rather enjoy the fruits of creation and forget about the consequences.

All: Forgive us our polluted water, our toxic soil and sulphurous air. Forgive us all the dumped surpluses, the slag heaps, and the piles of scrap.

One: We thank you for the signs of your forgiveness; for the plants and trees which colonize even the most unsightly ground; for the animals and birds who learn to live in secret places in our urban sprawl and turn our rubbish to good account.

All: We thank you for those who deal with our rubbish, who keep our streets and houses healthy; who guard us against poisons and radiation, or who turn our waste into new riches.

One: We pray for those for whom the rubbish tip is the only source of food and wealth, picking through others' leavings in the search to keep their family alive.

All: Most generous giver, from whose creation there is enough for all and to spare, make us wise stewards of the earth's treasure and generous in our turn to one another.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Grace: God's wisdom lives in every corner of God's creation, calling us, encouraging us, claiming us as God's own; even when we feel like we can't escape everything that is wrong in this world, God is there, too, leading us into the light. Thanks be to God!

***Passing of the Peace:** Jesus comes to transform our relationships with each other, with creation and with God – let us celebrate the peace he offers whenever we gather.

One: The Peace of Christ be with you all!

All: And also, with you!

Please share the peace of Christ with those around you.

We Listen to the Word

Reader: By the gift of your Spirit, calm and quiet our souls that we may hear your Word today and be lifted up to walk with you.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen

Children's Story: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

Psalm:

Psalm 27

VU p.753

Second Reading:

Philippians 3:17-4:1

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: (stand or sit as it your custom) One: God be with you.

All: And also, with you

One: The Good News of Jesus Christ according to Luke **All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Luke 13:31-35

One: This is the Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise be to Jesus Christ

We Engage the Story

Reflection: Faith of St. Patrick
Silent Reflection

***Hymn: I Sing the Mighty Power VU #231**

We Respond to God's Love

***Affirmation of Faith** from Iona

We believe in God above us, Maker and Sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of humans made in your image. We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the word made flesh, born of a woman, servant to the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, he died forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present, and His kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the church, spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen

Prayers of the People (stand or sit as is your custom)

Lord's Prayer VU #959

Invitation to Offering: In response to all of the goodness God gives us, let us gather our gifts and present them as an offering to God.

Lay Assistants please come forward

***Doxology:**

CP #669

**Praise God the Source of life and birth,
Praise God the Word, who came to earth.
Praise God the Spirit, holy flame.
All glory, honour to God's name.**

***Offering Prayer:**

For All the Saints

Heavenly Father, who surrounded your servant Patrick with the life and power of Christ, grant that our offering this day may be cleansed by your mercy and crowned with your love; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

We Celebrate Communion

***Invitation to Communion:**

Iona Abby Worship Book

The table of bread and wine is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus and all are welcome. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, with whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, in which Christ became incarnate. Come to this table, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who haven't been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have stopped trying. Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

*** The Great Thanksgiving**

Iona Abbey Worship Book

One: God be with you **All: And also with you**
One: Lift up your hearts **All: We lift them to God**
One: Let us give thanks to God most high
All: It is right to give God thanks and praise

One: Blessed are you, O God, for you have brought forth bread from the earth. Blessed are you, O God, for you have created the fruit of the vine.

All: In the beginning you watered the earth that your people might have food and drink. You gave your servant Sarah bread to strengthen her family on their journey, and wine to make them glad.

One: You called Moses and his people out of bondage and refreshed them with food in the wilderness. You gave Mary and Jesus their daily bread to share.

All: Here at your table you offer us bread and wine for the journey to nourish us, the Body of Christ, first fruits of your new creation, and of your mending of the world's brokenness

One: And so, with all our family in Christ, before us and beside us, we praise you from our hearts for your unending greatness. 5

Sanctus:

MV #203 Holy, holy,

holy God, O God of time and space.

All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings your praise.

And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!

One: Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread, and having blessed it, he broke the bread and gave it to his disciples, saying, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

All: In the same way he took wine, and, having given thanks for it, he poured it out and gave the cup to his disciples, saying "this cup is the new relationship with God. Take this and share it. I shall drink wine with you next in the coming kingdom of God."

One: So, now, following Jesus' example, we take this bread and this wine; the ordinary things of this world through which God will bless us. And, as Jesus offered thanks for the gifts of the earth, and proclaimed the coming of your kingdom, in his living, his dying and his rising, so we proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Acclamation:

CP #720

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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Hear us, O Christ, and breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine. May they become for us your body, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing and making us whole. And as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink are changed in to us, may we be changed again in to you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh, loving and caring in the world. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

Lay Assistants please come forward

We have bread, wafers, and gluten free wafers available (please indicate if you would like a wafer or gluten free), as well as the chalice of wine on the left and cups of wine, juice and water on the right.

Communion Hymn: *Bread of Life Feed My Soul*

MV #194

***Prayer after Communion:** God, our Creator of all the earth, through this Eucharist we pray you bind us together as the body of Christ. Help us to recognize Christ as he comes to us in neighbor, stranger and a still small voice. May we welcome him with love, for he is Lord now and forever. Amen

We Go Into the World

***Hymn:**

God Be in My Head

VU #430

***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.**

***Commissioning: Christ goes forever before us to prepare a place for us. He is on the road we tread. Wherever life is leading us, He has gone before. Perhaps we have no clue about**

what lies ahead; we know *who* is ahead of us, so the future is not quite unknown. Let us go out with faith that Christ leads the way. *(David Adam)*

***Benediction:** God's blessing be yours, infusing life with meaning and mystery; Christ's blessing be yours, opening you to God manifest in the world; the Spirit's blessing be yours, inviting you into relationship with every breath you take. Amen.

Postlude: ***Be Thou My Vision*** (VU #642) Pat Armstrong

*Please remain seated to reflect on the worship service or leave quietly
This service is over and our service begins*



Mission Statement

We follow Jesus Christ
Worshipping and Serving with Love and Joy We open our minds, hearts, and doors
to the world.

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