

August 26, 2026
9:30 am Wednesday Eucharist

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

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

All: And also with you.

Presider: We gather here from many places on land that is the traditional and unsundered territory of the Halq'emeyn-speaking Coast Salish peoples.

All: May Christ lead us on right pathways as we seek truth and reconciliation in action.

Presider: Let us pray,

**All: Living God, you accept our stumbling faith,
our misplaced answers, our false horizons,
and through them you build a way of peace.
Empower and enable us to bind the wounds of the world
and loose the bonds of oppression,
so that all may confess the grace that is your work alone;
through Jesus Christ, your anointed one. Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

The First Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-10 & 16-18

Reader: A reading from the Second Letter to the Thessalonians,

⁶ Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. ⁷ For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸ and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with

toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. ⁹ This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. ¹⁰ For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat.

¹⁶ Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all ways. The Lord be with all of you. ¹⁷ I, Paul, write this greeting with my own hand. This is the mark in every letter of mine; it is the way I write. ¹⁸ The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with all of you.

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: 128 (said responsively)

¹ Happy are they all who fear the Lord, *
and who follow in the ways of God!

² You shall eat the fruit of your labour; *
happiness and prosperity shall be yours.

³ Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, *
your children like olive shoots round about your table.

⁴ The one who fears the Lord *
shall thus indeed be blessed.

⁵ The Lord bless you from Zion, *
**and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem
all the days of your life.**

⁶ May you live to see your children's children; *
may peace be upon Israel.

The Gospel: Matthew 23:27-32

Reader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Reader: The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you Lord, Jesus Christ.

²⁷ ‘Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which on the outside look beautiful, but inside they are full of the bones of the dead and of all kinds of filth. ²⁸ So you also on the outside look righteous to others, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness. ²⁹ ‘Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the graves of the righteous, ³⁰ and you say, “If we had lived in the days of our ancestors, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.” ³¹ Thus you testify against yourselves that you are descendants of those who murdered the prophets. ³² Fill up, then, the measure of your ancestors.

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reflection

THE PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

A member of the community invites us to bring our concerns and thanksgivings before God.

The Exchange of the Peace

Presider: May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of God’s peace with your neighbours, respecting their comfort with touch.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer over the Gifts

Presider: Let us pray,

**All: God of loving care,
 You spread before us the table of life,
 and give us to drink the cup of salvation.
 Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ,
 Our Saviour and our Shepherd. Amen.**

the Great Thanksgiving

EP 2

Presider: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, God, the Father and Mother of all. In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presider: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me." Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and forever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

In the language closest to your heart, let us pray as Jesus taught us:
*(please use the traditional version or another language
you use for prayer if you desire)*

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 glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

Presider: Dear friends in Christ, God bids you welcome to this table.
Here we are strengthened for the journey. Here strangers
become friends and the seeker finds God's wisdom speaking
to them. See who you are and become what you see. These
are the gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

*All who are drawn to Christ are welcome at this table. Bread and wine
are shared, but receiving in one kind carries the fullness of Christ's
presence. You may also come forward for a blessing instead.*

Prayer after Communion

Presider: Glory to God,

All: 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,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Dismissal

Presider: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Readings for Pentecost 14, Sunday August 30, 2026

Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105; Romans 12:9-21;
Matthew 16:21-28





THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

Thursday

Vespers, 5:30-6 pm online by Zoom+

Saturday

Community Brunch, 11 am-noon in the Upper Hall

Sunday

BCP Eucharist, 8-9 am. *

Choral Eucharist, 10-11:15 am*

Wednesday

Midweek Eucharist 9:30-10 am*

Followed by Bible Study 10:30-11:30 am in Lounge

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