

ST. PAUL'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
FEAST OF CREATION IN CHRIST
August 30, 2026



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Church Services:

Sunday	8:00 am	Holy Communion
	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist
Weekdays (except stats)	8:30 am	Morning Prayer (Zoom)
Tuesday	7:00 pm	Contemplative Prayer
Wednesday	11:00 am	Holy Communion

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*Please be aware the 10:30 service may be recorded or livestreamed,
and your presence in the service is considered your consent to appear on camera.*

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HOLY EUCHARIST – 10:30 a.m.

*This Eucharistic liturgy is based on the Anglican Church of Canada
Book of Alternative Services and for the Islands and Inlets*

THE COMMUNITY GATHERS BEFORE GOD

*We commit ourselves to working together in a spirit of reconciliation as we worship and serve on the
traditional lands of the Snuneymuxw First Nation.*

Celebrant/Preacher:	The Rev. Vernon Foster
Liturgical Assistant:	Brian H.
Organist:	Peter B.
Greeters:	Syd G., Sue M.
Duty Warden:	Joy Adams Bauer

The flowers on the main altar are given by John & Elaine C-B to the
glory of God and in loving memory of family members who are no longer with us.

Altar Guild Team: Kathy M., Jane B.

Refreshment Hour is hosted today by Gwen I., Sarah C.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

(you may remain seated during the welcome)

OPENING HYMN: *(Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)*

CP 355 All Creatures of Our God and King

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GATHERING:

The Lord is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

May the grace and peace Christ be with you all.

May he fill our hearts with joy.

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.

GLORY TO GOD:

CP 365 DARWALL

Glory to God on high, and peace to all on earth.
We worship you, we give you thanks, our heavenly King.
We give you praise, almighty God and Father blessed in glory bright.

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
the sacrificial Lamb, who saves the world from sin, have mercy Lord.
Beside the Father's hand enthroned, now hear our prayer.

You only are the Lord. You only are most high.
You only are the holy one, Lord Jesus Christ.
And now you reign with Father and with Spirit one in glorious light.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Creator, you have wonderfully fashioned the heavens and the earth and us in your own image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your breath in all creatures that we may be of service in the healing of the earth, through Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, through whom you breathe all creation into being. Amen

THE STORY OF FAITH IS PROCLAIMED

FIRST READING: Proverbs 8:22-31

Barb C.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 33:1-9

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SECOND READING: Colossians 1:15-20

Joy A.

Hear what the spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL PROCESSIONAL: *(Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)*

CP 445 God the Creator (vs 1,2)

BUNESSAN

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

GOSPEL: John 1:1-5

(It is our custom to remain standing for the reading of the gospel. Please stand as you are able)

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL RECESSIONAL: *(Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)*

CP 445 God the Creator (vs 3,4)

BUNESSAN

SERMON:

Rev. Vernon Foster

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – SEASON OF CREATION

**We believe in God, the Creator of all things,
who calls forth the earth and every creature,
who made us from the dust and breath of life,
and who declares all creation good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh,
who lived among us as a child of the earth:
he walked on its soil, he knew its beauty and its brokenness.
He suffered and died on the cross, and was raised from death,
so that all creation might be restored and reconciled in love.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the breath of God moving through all life,
who renews the face of the earth,
who calls us to serve and protect creation,
and who leads us into the hope of God's kingdom,
where all things will be made new.**

This we believe. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Michele C.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION:

Let us, after a moment of personal reflection, confess our sins against God, our neighbour, and creation, trusting in God's mercy and love.

Silence is kept.

**Creator of all,
we confess that we have turned from your ways: we have wounded your earth,
we have neglected our neighbours, and we have forgotten your goodness.
Forgive us, renew us, and restore us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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. **Amen.**

THE PEACE:

Hear God's promise of a redeemed creation: the wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and a little child shall lead them. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain.

cf Isaiah 11

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

THE SACRED MEAL IS SHARED

OFFERTORY HYMN: *(Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)*

CP 430 Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation; through your goodness we have this bread and this wine to offer, fruit of the earth and of the vine, and work of human hands, for us they become the bread of life and the cup of salvation; **blessed be God for ever.**

Eternal Creator, Holy Wisdom, all creation yearns in hope to be set free. Receive all we offer you this day and through this Eucharist lead us to be servants of your justice and truth in the name of Jesus.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:

(You are invited to stand or sit during the Eucharistic Prayer as you desire)

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us praise and magnify the God of all Creation

We sing to the Creator with songs of creation.

It is right to give you thanks and praise with all your creatures, we proclaim your praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

CP 735

Holy God Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

Send your Holy Spirit upon us ... all glory and honour are yours, almighty God,
now and for ever. **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Being made one by the power of the Spirit, as our Saviour taught us, so we 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.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD:

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION:

All are welcome to join us for communion. Our practice is to share the wine from a common cup.

For health reasons you are asked not to dip the bread wafer into the wine.

If you prefer, you may receive bread only. If you are gluten free, please ask for a gluten free wafer.

*If you do not wish to receive communion, cross your arms in front of you to indicate to the clergy that you
would like a blessing instead. We are happy to come to your seat to serve communion
if you are unable to come forward – do let the greeter know.*

COMMUNION HYMN: *(Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)*

CP 61 As We Gather at Your Table

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

We give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious,
Our Lord's mercy endures for ever.

Let us pray,
Creator of all, in the death and resurrection of Jesus you have reconciled all things in heaven and on earth. May this bread and wine open our eyes to your love and justice woven through all of creation. We ask this through Jesus, your creating Word. 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.

BLESSING

May God, Creator of all, fill you with wonder and gratitude.
May Christ, through whom all things are made, teach you to live with love and care.
May the Spirit of life renew you and all creation.
And the blessing of God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, be with you now and always.

SENDING FORTH HYMN: *(Lyrics are in the Blue Common Praise Hymnal)*

CP 431 Take Up Your Cross, the Saviour Said

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DISMISSAL

Our service has ended and our mission begins, lets us go in peace, to love and care for God's creation. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**