

Abridged Liturgy of the Islands: February 21st

In this time and place, we gather on the ancestral territories of Coast Salish peoples.
From many places and peoples we come to this house in prayer.

In this time and place, We are not alone, For we meet in the presence of the living God.
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In this time and place, We are not alone, For the Risen Jesus stands in our midst.
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In this time and place, We are not alone, For the wind of the Spirit moves in and through us.
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In this time and place, We are not alone for we gather with the whole company of heaven, In this time and in this space heaven and earth are one.
In this time and place heaven and earth are one.

In this time and place, Together, one people in Jesus Christ.
In the name of God, Creator, Saviour and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Opening Hymn CP 9 Today I Awake

Rachel

Kid's Time

The Kids & David

Kids to the Breakout Room after Kid's Time

Gloria

Wally

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen

Kyrie [said 3 times]

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Centering Stillness

Let us hold this moment open to the Spirit of God. (silence)

Collect of the Day

Wally

Almighty God,
whose Son fasted forty days in the wilderness,
and was tempted as we are but did not sin,
give us grace to discipline ourselves in submission to your Spirit,
that as you know our weakness, so we may know your power to save;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

WORD

Andrew

The name Genesis means 'beginning' and chapters 1-11 of this first book in the Hebrew Scriptures (our old testament) tells a primeval history. It's not history as we understand history today but a series of stories that affirm the central role of God in creation and the affairs of humankind. In this first reading we learn of the covenant that God, following the flood, makes with Noah. The figure of Noah should best be understood as one who is representative not just of all humanity but of the whole of creation. God's covenant is an unconditional and "everlasting covenant" and the sign of this is the multi-coloured rainbow. A reading from Genesis, chapter 9:8-17

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Pslam 25:1-9

Rachel

[REFRAIN] The paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me. Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes. R

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long. R

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord. R

Gracious and upright is the Lord; therefore he teaches sinners in his way. He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly. All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. R

The writer of this letter, likely one of the elders in the church near the end of the first century, connects the resurrection of Jesus to the symbolic act of baptism. The baptismal candidate in those early years of the church was completely submerged in water, likely a river, and raised up from it. It was thus a symbolic action that connected the believer to the resurrection of the Christ, the One who rose up from the grave. Although baptism in many churches (though not all) has departed from this practice of the early church, baptism – our baptism - still connects believers with the resurrected One, Jesus Christ. A reading from 1st Peter, chapter 3, verses 18-22

Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you -not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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Gospel

Wally

The Lord be with you,

and also with you.

The Good News of Jesus Christ According to Mark 1:9-15

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The Gospel of Christ.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Philip

Hymn of the Day CP 631 The Kingdom of God

Shirley

Affirming the Christian Narrative

Wally

We believe and trust in God the Father Almighty.

We believe and trust in Jesus Christ, his Son.

We believe and trust in the Holy Spirit.

We believe and trust in the Three in One.

Prayers of the People

Ruth

Confession and Absolution

Wally

Jesus, forgive my sins.

Forgive the sins I can remember, and also the sins I have forgotten.

**Forgive the wrong actions I have committed,
and the right actions I have omitted.**

**Forgive the times I have been weak in the face of temptation,
and those when I have been stubborn in the face of correction.**

**Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements,
and those when I have failed to boast of your works.**

**Forgive the harsh judgements I have made of others, and
the leniency I have shown to myself.**

Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided.

Forgive me the pain I have caused others, and

**the indulgence I have shown to myself.
Jesus have pity on me, and make me whole.**

**May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to himself,
and cleanse us from all our sins, that we may behold the glory of his Son,
the word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Lord's Prayer

Wally

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us:

**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 forever.
Amen**

Closing Hymn CP 170 The Glory of these 40 Days *Allison*

Announcements

- ✻ Next week: Bishop Anna joins us. Vestry meeting.
- ✻ Wardens
- ✻ others in the congregation
- ✻ clergy

Blessing

Wally

Go forth from this place in the power of Christ.

Encourage the faint-hearted; Help the weak; Be patient with those in need.

See that none of you repays evil for evil but always do good to one another and to all.

Rejoice always; Pray without ceasing;

Give thanks in all circumstances and

the God of peace will be with us, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Dismissal

Wally

In these or similar words: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.