

Abridged Liturgy of the Islands

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.

Kid's Time

The Kids & David

After Kids' Time, the kids go to their breakout room.

Opening Hymn CP 222 All Shall be Well

Jennifer

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]

Wally

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 and eternal God,
the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt,
may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

WORD

Helen

In this reading the writer of the book of Acts, written at least 60 years following the death of Jesus, paints an idealized picture of the very first community of believers. As you will hear, they are described as being of 'one heart and soul' - as believers they were united. However, by the time that this story is written the Christ-communities are less of one mind and in some of the letters of Paul we get an idea of the disagreements (lack of unity) that they were experiencing. But no matter that they no longer 'held everything in common' they remain as we do two thousand years later in our very diverse global Christian community, a part of the one body of Christ. A reading from Acts, chapter 4, verses 32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Psalms 133

Rachel

REFRAIN How good it for all is to live together in unity.

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, when brethren live together in unity!
It is like fine oil upon the head that runs down upon the beard,
Upon the beard of Aaron, and runs down upon the collar of his robe. R

It is like the dew of Hermon that falls upon the hills of Zion.
For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: life for evermore. R

Our second reading this morning is from the first letter of John. It was likely written at the end of the 1st century by an unknown author. The writer may well have been a member of a Johannine community that had recently experienced some conflict and division, some diversity of opinion about Jesus. This arose from some who were denying that Jesus was not the messiah, God’s promised one, and even doubting that he came “in the flesh”. Against this the writer, as you will hear, declares “what we have seen with our eyes”: in other words emphasizing to his readers that Jesus came in the flesh, was fully human and, through his life and sacrifice brings us into fellowship “with the Father”. A reading from the opening chapter of the first letter of John.

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Gospel

Wally

The Lord be with you,
and also with you.

The Good News of Jesus Christ According to John 20: 19-31
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

The Gospel of Christ.

RESPONDING TO THE WORD OF GOD

Easter is at the core of Christian hope. Elizabeth will lead us in a meditation, and a liturgical dance, with video by Ed Watson. Finally, as Christians in this church community, we will reflect together on hope.

Affirming the Christian Narrative

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.

Wally

Hymn CP 244 We Walk by Faith

Rachel

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

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, you 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.**

Announcements

- * Kids return during Announcements
- * Wardens
- * others in the congregation
- * clergy

Closing Hymn CP 210 Yours be the Glory

Shirley

Blessing

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. Hallelujah!