



Garden of Peace

Isaiah 32:14-18

PEACE WITH CREATION

SEASON OF CREATION 2025

For the palace will be forsaken,
the populous city deserted;
the hill and the watchtower
will become dens forever,
the joy of wild asses,
a pasture for flocks;
until a spirit from on high is poured out on us,
and the wilderness becomes a fruitful field,
and the fruitful field is deemed a forest.

Then justice will dwell in the wilderness
and righteousness abide in the fruitful field.

The effect of righteousness will be peace,
and the result of righteousness, quietness and trust forever.

My people will abide in a peaceful habitation,
in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.



10:00 am

October 5, 2025 — Feast of St. Francis & Blessing of the Animals

Opening Hymn: “All Things Bright and Beautiful” (CP #416)

Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship

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

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.**

Sung Gloria: “Gloria, Gloria, in Excelsis Deo” (CP #376)

The Collect

Grant us, Almighty God, after the example of your holy servant Francis, to do what you would have us do, and always to desire what is pleasing in your sight, that cleansed by your love, enlightened by your truth, and kindled with the fire of your Holy Spirit, we may follow in the footsteps of your beloved Son and make our way to you, O God most High; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Children’s Reflection

Children’s Song: “I’ve Got Peace Like a River” (VU #577)

The First Reading: Galations 6:14-18 (*Penny Batchelor*)

Psalm 148 (VU #871)

Gradual Hymn: “God of the Sparrow” (CP #414)

The Gospel: Matthew 11:25-30 (*Roger Farrier*)

The Sermon: *The Rev. Marnie Peterson*

“Silence & Stillness for Prayer & Reflection”

Blessing of the Animals

Pets with their companions (and those with photos) are invited forward for a blessing.

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the
Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father; through whom all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate
of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into
heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken
through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession (*Rachel Eaton*)

Confession and Absolution

Creator God, God of the oceans, God of the land and all that is within it:
You created this world with the power of your word.
You formed humankind with your own hands, and breathed your own breath into us.
You gave us these lands as a gift— a source of our identity and sustenance.
You empowered us to be the guardians of what you have made.

Loving God, we have failed you and abused the gift you have given us. We have offended you and defiled what you have made. We have benefited from the evil done on our behalf.

Forgive us for betraying your trust.

Forgive us for our greed and arrogance.

Forgive us for what we have done to your Earth.

Forgive us for what we have done to your oceans.

**Forgive us for what we have done to your creatures
— on the land, in the sky, and in the depths.**

Hear, O God of Compassion:

The cries of the land—now a desert, laid barren through corrupt agricultural practices, pollution, mining, and deforestation.

The cries of the islands—drowning in rising seas, oceans swelling with melting ice.

The cries of distress from Mother Earth— storm and drought.

God of Life, heal your wounded Earth. Empower us to choose the road that leads to life. Guide us in the paths of righteousness, for your name's sake, so that we may experience once again your Shalom in the land and in the sea.

**This we ask in the name of the one who came that we may have life in abundance
— your Son, our Saviour, Jesus the Christ.**

May our God have mercy on us, forgive us our trespasses and give us new life.

Indeed, God has promised grace and forgiveness to us: “My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places.” (*Isaiah 32:18*)

Let us rejoice and trust in our calling, live as we are called to live, reconciled with the Creator, ambassadors for Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit.

The Peace: The peace of Christ be always with you. **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn: “This is God’s Wondrous World” (VU #296)

— The Celebration of the Eucharist —

Prayer Over the Gifts

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, so that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

May God be with you. **And also with you**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**

Let us give thanks to God our Creator. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right at all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all. We praise you here where the Fraser River meets the Salish Sea, where city and farm, wilderness and industry are side by side. We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Together with angels and ancestors, orca and salmon, bear and raven, salal and cedar we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song: (CP #732)

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

We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptised in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he travelled in fishing boats and told parables of famers and seeds, labour and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me. Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation. Bring us with all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come. All honor and glory are yours, Creator, Christ and Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Sung Lord's Prayer *by Gordon Light*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name; your kingdom come, your will be done on earth, as in heav'n. 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.

Communion Anthem: "Come, Share with God" (VU #469) *verses 1, 2, 1*

Come to the banquet for now all is ready.

These are the gifts of God for you, the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

If you require a gluten free wafer, please only extend one hand. If you do not feel comfortable drinking from the cup, please just acknowledge it and let it pass.

We ask that you refrain from intincting or dipping your wafer.

Communion Hymn: "Peace for the Children" *(Please see video screens.)*

Prayer After Communion

O God, our life, our strength, our food, we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, so that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord. Amen.

The Doxology

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.

Sung Blessing

The Closing Hymn: “Siyahamba” (VU #646)

The Dismissal: Go in peace, share the good news. **Thanks be to God.**

Announcements

Tea at Two: Thursdays at 2 pm in the Side Chapel

St. Anne’s extends an invitation to anyone who is feeling lonely and would enjoy some company, to meet for tea or coffee and conversation. All are welcome.

Newcomers Gathering: Sunday, October 26 at 11:30 am in the Side Chapel

All who feel new to our community are invited to this gathering. Mingle with St. Anne’s parishioners and learn more about us.

***St. Anne’s is a vibrant community offering programing for all ages.
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of the Coast Salish Peoples.*