NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Baptism Sunday



October 19, 2025

"Each time a child is born, the world is renewed in innocence."

- Macrina Wiederkehr, OSB, A Tree Full of Angels (1988), p. 141

Note: We are a Scent Free Facility for the health and comfort of those with allergies. Thank you for helping us care for one another.

All are warmly welcomed to our worship.

We ask visitors to introduce themselves and to join us for social hour after the service.

Kids Church is offered during the 10:30 am service. The children will leave for age appropriate activities part way through. Children are also welcome to stay at the activity table.

Welcome, Introduction & Invitation to Stillness

Presider We acknowledge with gratitude that we live and worship on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded lands of the kwikwakam (Kwikwetlem) First Nation, shared historically with the qicay (Katzie) and other Coast Salish Peoples.

We give thanks for their care of the land, waters and creatures through the generations, and we commit ourselves to walk gently upon this earth and to live as good neighbours.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the God of all gifts.

All And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

Presider Every good and perfect gift comes from above.

All We give thanks with grateful hearts.

Presider All we are and all we have is a gift.

All We offer ourselves to God's service.

Gathering Hymn - Gather Your People (OCP 198)



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Presider God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Presider Let us pray,

Faithful God,

All you have called us by name and gathered us here.

You see us as we are and love us still. Lift our burdens, open our hearts, and make us ready to worship you with joy and hope, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect of the Day (the special prayer which 'collects' the theme of the day)

Presider Faithful God,

in baptism you adopt us as your children and make us members of Christ's body. Strengthen us to live in the covenant we have made, that we may be signs of your love to the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gathering of Children

Children and their leaders are invited to come forward for a prayer before heading to Kids Church. They will rejoin us in time for Communion. If your child prefers to stay in the service, they are welcome here, and activities are available at the table at the rear of the sanctuary during this time.

Presider Loving God,

All as we gather together, we pray for open hearts and minds. Help us all—children, leaders, and every one of us—to grow in faith, love, and understanding.

May your Spirit guide us, and may your love unite us, now and always. Amen.

Gloria - Glory to God - Mass of Renewal

Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to people of good will

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, We give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father Have mercy on us 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, Amen

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Proclamation of the Word

The Readings

Presider Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes

to us through the reading of the Holy Scriptures.

All Our hearts and minds are open.

First Reading - Jeremiah 31:27-34

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm - Psalm 119



- 1. Oh, how I love your law! all the day long it is in my mind. Your commandment has made me wiser than my enemies, and it is always with me. *Refrain*
- I have more understanding than all my teachers, for your decrees are my study.
 I am wiser than the elders, because I observe your commandments. *Refrain*
- 3. I restrain my feet from every evil way, that I may keep your word.
 I do not shrink from your judgments, because you yourself have taught me. *Refrain*
- 4. How sweet are your words to my taste! they are sweeter than honey to my mouth. Through your commandments I gain understanding; therefore I hate every lying way. *Refrain*

Second Reading - 2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying

All Thanks be to God

Please stand as you are able for the Gospel Reading

Gospel Acclamation



Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ

according to Luke.

All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel – *Luke 18:1-8*

Reader The Gospel of Christ.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Homily Rev. Philip Cochrane

Anthem - For the Beauty of the Earth (John Rutter)

During the Anthem, those involved with the baptism will gather at the front of the Sanctuary

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY BAPTISM

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF THE CANDIDATE Assisting Priest - Gary Hamblin

 $P&S = Parents \ and \ Sponsors$

Priest The candidate for Baptism will now be presented.

P&S We present Sienna Elisa Majernik to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Priest Will you be responsible for seeing that Sienna is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

P&S I will, with God's help.

Priest Will you by your prayers and witness help Sienna to grow into the full stature of Christ?

P&S I will, with God's help.

Priest Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of

wickedness that rebel against God?

P&S I renounce them.

Priest Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt

and destroy the creatures of God?

P&S I renounce them.

Priest Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the

love of God?

P&S I renounce them.

Priest Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

P&S I do.

Priest Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

P&S I do.

Priest Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

P&S I do.

to the congregation

Priest Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to

support Sienna in her life in Christ?

All We will.

PRAYER FOR THE CANDIDATE

Presider Let us now pray for Sienna as she prepares to receive this

Sacrament of New Birth.

Presider Deliver Sienna, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider Open her heart to your grace and truth.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider Send her into the world in witness to your love.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Presider Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

Priest The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Priest We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who are here cleansed from sin and born again, may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Saviour. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

All are invited to join in committing themselves to Christ and renew your own baptismal covenant.

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

All I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in God the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic All Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,

in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

All I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall

into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

All I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of

God in Christ?

All I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your

neighbour as yourself?

All I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,

and respect the dignity of every human being?

All I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation

and respect, sustain, and renew the life of the earth?

All I will, with God's help.

THE BAPTISM

Priest Sienna Elisa, I baptize you in the name of the Father,

and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Priest You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in baptism and marked as

Christ's own for ever.

All Amen.

Priest Faithful and loving God, we thank you that through water and the Holy Spirit you have welcomed Sienna into your family of grace. Keep her in your love, O Lord. Give her curiosity and courage, a heart open to wonder, and joy in the beauty of your world; through Jesus Christ, the Living Water.

All Amen.

THE GIVING OF THE LIGHT

One of the ministers will give a lighted candle, saying,

Deacon Receive the Light of Christ. You have passed from darkness into light. Let us welcome the newly baptized!

All We receive you into God's family. Child of God, blessed in the Spirit, proclaim the hope of resurrection, and share with us in our ministry in the world.

(Applause)

Sharing of the Peace

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

All And also with you.

The Peace is shared in the community, respecting personal boundaries

Offertory

In gratitude for all we've received, we offer of ourselves back to God. Bread, wine, and money symbolize the fruits of our labour. If you give through Pre-Authorized Donations or e-transfer (office@saintlaurence.ca), you're welcome to use a blue card to represent your offering to the glory of God.

Offertory Hymn - I Have Called You by Your Name (MV 161)

- I have called you by your name, you are mine;
 I have gifted you and ask you now to shine.
 I will not abandon you;
 all my promises are true.
 You are gifted, called, and chosen; you are mine.
- 2. I will help you learn my name as you go; read it written in my people, help them grow. Pour the water in my name, speak the word your soul can claim, offer Jesus' body given long ago.
- 3. I know you will need my touch as you go; feel it pulsing in creation's ebb and flow. Like the woman reaching out, choosing faith in spite of doubt, hold the hem of Jesus' robe, then let it go.
- I have given you a name, it is mine;
 I have given you my Spirit as a sign.
 With my wonder in your soul,
 make my wounded children whole;
 go and tell my precious people they are mine.

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Prayer over the Gifts

Presider God of new beginnings,

All receive these gifts of bread and wine,

and the offerings of our lives.

May they be signs of your covenant

and channels of your grace,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebration of our Sacred Meal

The Great Thanksgiving

Presider God is with you.

All And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them up to God.

Presider Let us give thanks to God our Creator.

All We give our thanks and praise.

Presider Creator, you made our world - beautiful and good.

You made us to live in right relationship with you and all creation. You sent Jesus to live among us

and show us what you are like.

We give all thanks and praise to you, our true and loving God. You laid the foundations of the earth and enclosed the seas. You brought forth all creatures and gave breath to humankind.

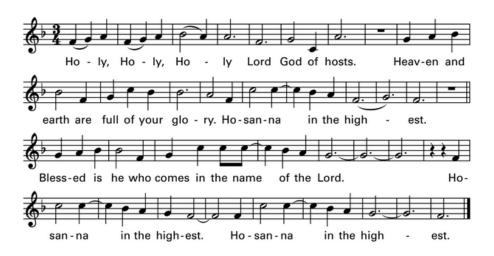
Wondrous are you, Holy One.

All you create is a sign of hope for our journey.

And so, we join with the heavenly beings

and all of creation as we sing:

Sanctus - Holy - Mass of Renewal



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Presider Glory and honour are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent.

Of your grace, you sent Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign, and to give himself for us.

Through Jesus Christ you have reconciled us to you and restored the glory you intended for us.

Presider

On the night before he died, Jesus ate supper with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to them, saying:

"Take and eat. This is my very self given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup of wine, again he gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying:

"Drink it all of you. This cup is a new covenant poured out for you and all people.

Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, we remember: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, and, longing for Christ's coming again in glory, we present these gifts to you.

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, so that we who share this bread and wine may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Draw us together in Christ, and, in the fullness of time, gather us with all your people into the joy of your eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator and give you our unending praise. **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer



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The Breaking of the Bread

The celebrant breaks the consecrated bread.

Presider We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

Lamb of God



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The Invitation

Presider This is Christ's table, where all are welcome.

Come - not because you must,

but because God longs to feed you with grace,

to refresh you with living water, and to send you out in love.

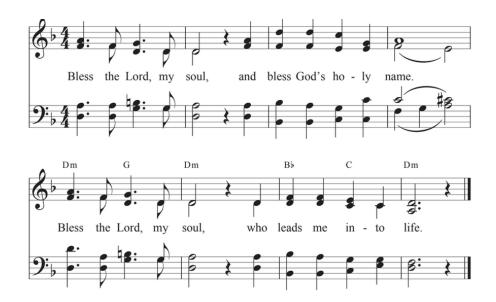
Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.

The Distribution

At St. Laurence, everyone is invited to the table. You may receive only the bread or both bread and wine. Non-fermented grape juice is available in the ceramic chalice, and gluten-free wafers are offered—just ask at the distribution. If you prefer a blessing, simply cross your arms across your chest.

Communion Hymn - Bless the Lord, My Soul



Communion Hymn - We Belong to You (OCP 601)



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Moment of Silence

Take a moment to be still and know God. Let the world's noise fade as you listen for the deep stillness beneath it all. The silence begins and ends with the ringing of a bell.

Prayer after Communion

Presider God of new life,

All you have fed us with the bread of salvation.

Renew us in the promises of our baptism,

that we may live as Christ's body in the world,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

for ever and ever. Amen.

Announcements

Blessing

Presider May the Creator of every good gift bless you.

May Christ, the living Word,

guide you in faithfulness and love.

May the Holy Spirit fill you with gratitude and generosity,

this day and always.

And the blessing of the holy and undivided Trinity,

one God, be with you and remain with you always. Amen.

Closing Hymn - I Send You Out



verse 2

Well it's time for us
To become people with spirit
It's time for us
To become people of love
It's time for us
To know that Jesus Christ is risen
Forgives our sins and brings us new life *Refrain*

Text: John Angotti, b.1963 Tune: John Angotti, b.1963; arr. by Paul A. Tate, b.1968

Minister Go in peace to cherish Creation, loving and serving the Creator.

All Thanks be to God.

The flowers on the altar today are in memory of Rod Ainsworth, who was the light of our lives. We miss you and love you always.

Janice & family



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NEWS & NOTES

Wednesday Morning Service - 9:00 am

This service is a Bible Study and Communion all rolled into one. A great way to begin your day!



Phoenix Friends
Tuesday, October 21, 2025
1:30 - 3:00 pm
at St. Laurence Church

ALL WOMEN are welcome.

Come join us for a fun and meaningful time of fellowship and friendship.

Notices at a Glance

- Memorial Service: Derek Walmsley Tues Oct 28 1 PM.
- All Saints / All Souls Sun Nov 2: 9 AM & 10:30 AM (Baptism & All Ages)
 6 PM (All Souls Remembrance).
- Welcome (Newcomers) Lunches: Oct 26 & Feb 1 (after 10:30 AM service) – all welcome: RSVP to Curt.
- Reports: Listening Forward Reports available (Office / online).
- Volunteer Guide: New 'Your Gift Matters' Directory coming soon.

Help Needed: Contact Curt to volunteer for the Quality Fair.

IgnYte - Fall Fun @ Laity Farms - Sun, Oct. 19!
Laity Farms South, 12725 Laity Street, Maple Ridge, BC

Church Calendars have Arrived

If you ordered a church calendar, please see Curt in the office, or contact the church office to make arrangements to pick yours up.