

THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

OCTOBER 11, 2026

Those who sowed with tears will reap with songs of joy.

Psalms 126.6

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Opening Hymn – Come Ye Thankful People Come
CP262

1 Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest home!
All is safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied:
come to God's own temple, come,
raise the song of harvest home!

2 All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade, and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.

3 For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall in that day

all offences purge away;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the weeds to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

4 Even so, Lord, quickly come,
to thy final harvest-home!
Gather thou thy people in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there forever purified,
in thy presence to abide:
come, with all thine angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest-home.

Priest The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
 The love of God and
 The fellowship of the Holy Spirit
 Be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Almighty God

**People: 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 your Holy Spirit, that we
 may perfectly love you, and worthily**

**magnify your holy name; through
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Priest: Glory to God in the highest,

All: **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.**

Collect

**Creator of the fruitful earth, you made us
stewards of all things. Give us grateful hearts for
all your goodness, and steadfast wills to use
your bounty well, that the whole human family,
today and in generations to come, may with us
give thanks for the riches of your creation. We
ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.
Amen.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

First Reading

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY

For the Lord your God is bringing you into a good land—a land with brooks, streams, and deep springs gushing out into the valleys and hills; 8 a land with wheat and barley, vines and fig trees, pomegranates, olive oil and honey; 9 a land where bread will not be scarce and you will lack nothing; a land where the rocks are iron and you can dig copper out of the hills.

10 When you have eaten and are satisfied, praise the Lord your God for the good land he has given you. 11 Be careful that you do not forget the Lord your God, failing to observe his commands, his laws and his decrees that I am giving you this day.

12 Otherwise, when you eat and are satisfied, when you build fine houses and settle down, 13 and when your herds and flocks grow large and your silver and gold increase and all you have is multiplied, 14 then your heart will become proud and you will forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. 15 He led you through the vast and dreadful wilderness, that thirsty and waterless land, with its venomous snakes and scorpions. He

brought you water out of hard rock. 16 He gave you manna to eat in the wilderness, something your ancestors had never known, to humble and test you so that in the end it might go well with you. 17 You may say to yourself, “My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me.”

Deuteronomy 8:7-18

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

REFRAIN You crown the year with your goodness, O Lord.

Praise awaits you, our God, in Zion;
to you our vows will be fulfilled.

2 You who answer prayer,
to you all people will come. R

3 When we were overwhelmed by sins,
you forgave our transgressions.

4 Blessed are those you choose
and bring near to live in your courts!

We are filled with the good things of your house,
of your holy temple. R

5 You answer us with awesome and righteous
deeds, God our Savior,
the hope of all the ends of the earth
and of the farthest seas,

6 who formed the mountains by your power,
having armed yourself with strength,

7 who stilled the roaring of the seas,
the roaring of their waves,
and the turmoil of the nations.

8 The whole earth is filled with awe at your
wonders;
where morning dawns, where evening fades,
you call forth songs of joy. R

9 You care for the land and water it;
you enrich it abundantly.

The streams of God are filled with water
to provide the people with grain,
for so you have ordained it.

10 You drench its furrows and level its ridges;
you soften it with showers and bless its crops. R

11 You crown the year with your bounty,
and your carts overflow with abundance.

12 The grasslands of the wilderness overflow;
the hills are clothed with gladness.

13 The meadows are covered with flocks

and the valleys are mantled with grain;
they shout for joy and sing. R

Psalms 65

Second Reading

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PAUL TO
THE CORINTHIANS

6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 9 As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;

their righteousness endures forever."

10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

12 This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. 13 Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. 14 And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. 15 Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Gradual Hymn – For the Beauty of the Earth
CP429

1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

2 For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light,
Christ our God, to thee we raise

this our sacrifice of praise.

3 For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

The Holy Gospel

Gospeller: The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also with you.**

Gospeller: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Luke

***People:* Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Soon afterward, Jesus went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a large crowd went along with him. 12 As he approached the town gate, a dead person was being carried out—the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the town was with her. 13 When the Lord saw her, his heart went out to her and he said, “Don’t cry.” 14 Then he went up and touched the bier they were carrying him on, and the bearers stood still. He said, “Young man, I say to you, get up!” 15

The dead man sat up and began to talk, and Jesus gave him back to his mother.

16 They were all filled with awe and praised God. "A great prophet has appeared among us," they said. "God has come to help his people." 17 This news about Jesus spread throughout Judea and the surrounding country.

18 John's disciples told him about all these things. Calling two of them, 19 he sent them to the Lord to ask, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we expect someone else?"

The Gospel of Christ.

***People:* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

5 For each perfect gift of thine
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven,
Christ our God, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

Sermon – Lay Reader Emily Stephen-Garneau

Anthem

Jesus scatters the seeds of His Kingdom
Far and wide, He announces new birth
I, the Lord of Creation, am making new
Every inch of the groaning earth!

Like the smallest of seeds in the winter
Is the Kingdom of God as its sown
But the powers of hell shall against it fail
When the Kingdom of God is grown

Though we wait for the Lord of the harvest
And we long for our King to appear
Even now in our hearts, by the Spirit's pow'r
The Kingdom of God is near!

He has planted the seeds of His Kingdom
In the hearts of the poor and the weak
He declares to the captives, I bring good news
You shall be mighty oaks of strength!

Though we wait for the Lord of the harvest
And we long for our King to appear

Even now in our hearts, by the Spirit's pow'r
The Kingdom of God is near!

Through the city of God flows a river
From the throne of the Lamb waters pour
And behold, on the banks grows the Tree of Life
Where the nations are healed and restored!

Though we wait for the Lord of the harvest
And we long for our King to appear
Even now in our hearts, by the Spirit's pow'r
The Kingdom of God is near!

The Apostle's Creed

Priest Let us confess our faith, as we say,
All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth. 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.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People

Confession and Absolution

Priest: Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

All: **Most merciful God,**
we confess that we have sinned
against you in thought, word, and
deed, by what we have done, and by
what we have left undone. We have
not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as
ourselves. We are truly sorry and we
humbly repent. For the sake of your
Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us
and forgive us, that we may delight in
your will, and walk in your ways, to
the glory of your name. Amen.

Priest Almighty God have mercy upon you,
 pardon and deliver you from all our
 sins, confirm and strengthen you in all
 goodness, and keep you in eternal life;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Passing the Peace

Priest: The peace of the Lord be always with
 you.

People: **And also with you.**

We greet one another with the Peace of Christ.

THE CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Offertory – CP 61 As We Gather at Your Table

1 As we gather at your Table,
As we listen to your Word,
Help us know, O God, your presence;
Let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
Till we claim it as our own;
Teach us through this holy banquet
How to make Love's victory known.

2 Turn our worship into witness
In the sacrament of life;

Send us forth to love and serve you,
Bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
To forgive as you forgave;
May we still behold your image
In the world you died to save.

3 Gracious Spirit, help us summon
Other guests to share that feast
Where triumphant Love will welcome
Those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
Nor will pride our peace destroy,
As we join with saints and angels
To repeat the sounding joy.

Prayer over the Gifts

Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours, yet you have given us dominion over all things. Receive the symbols of our labour and love which we offer you this day, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People It is right to give our thanks and
praise.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
by water and the Holy Spirit
you have made us a holy people
in Jesus Christ our Lord;
you renew that mystery in bread and
wine and nourish us,
to show forth your glory in all the world.
Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the holy people
who have served you in every age,
we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

All Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might

**heaven and earth are full of your
glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for
the goodness and love you have made
known to us in creation; in calling Israel

to be your people; in your Word spoken
through the prophets; and above all in
the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.
For in these last days you sent him to be
incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the
world. In him, you have delivered us
from evil, and made us worthy to stand
before you. In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth, out of sin into
righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to
suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, “ Take, eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine;

and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his
command,

**People we remember his death, we proclaim
his resurrection, we await his
coming in glory;**

Celebrant and we offer our sacrifice of praise and
thanksgiving to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these
gifts, that they may be the sacrament

of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray.

All: 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.

Priest We break this bread,

All Communion in Christ's body once broken.

Priest Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All If we have died with him, we shall live with him; if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.

Priest The gifts of God for the people of God.

All Thanks be to God.

Agnus Dei

All: Lamb of God, you take away

**the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world:
grant us peace**

*Hymn after Communion – CP532 What a Friend
We Have in Jesus*

1 What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!
Oh what peace we often forfeit,
Oh what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Ev'rything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged—
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness—

Take it to the Lord in prayer!

3 Are we weak and heavy-laden,

Cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge—

Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?

Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In His arms He'll take and shield thee—

Thou wilt find a solace there.

Prayer After Communion

God of our hope, in this eucharist we find the source of all your blessings. Nourished in these holy mysteries may we, with our lives, give you continual thanks and praise. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest: 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.**

Blessing

Closing Hymn – CP 399 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God,
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who from our mother's arms
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2 O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us,
and nourish us with grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

3 All praise and thanks to God
eternal now be given,
to Spirit and to Word,
who reign in highest heaven:
our ever faithful God,

whom earth and heaven adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Dismissal

*Please join us in the hall for coffee following the
service*