

# Christ Church Deer Park

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October 18, 2026  
The Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost  
A Sung Service of Holy Communion  
10:30 am

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**Welcome!**

**We are delighted to have you worship with us.**



**Growing in Christ's love in the neighbourhood**

***Inclusive Community \* Local Outreach \* Faithful Worship***

**"We, who are many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread". 1 Corinthians 10:17**

Please note all hymn numbers are from *Common Praise*, the blue hymnal.

**Welcome & Gathering**

*(please stand as you are able)*

**Opening Hymn** – Immortal, Invisible God only Wise - CP #393

ST. DENIO

**All** Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes;  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish but naught changeth thee.

Great Source of all glory and wisdom and light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All laud we would render: O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

Text: Walter Smith  
Music: Welsh trad.

**Gathering**

*(please remain standing)*

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

**All** **And also with you.**

**Gloria** *Mass of St. Thomas*

David Thorne

**All**

Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the high - est.

Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord, God,

Heav'n-ly King, al-migh-ty God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo-ry. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the high-est.

Lord, Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa-ther. Lord, God, Lamb of God, you

take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; You are sea-ted at the right

hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God,

Glo-ry to God in the high-est. For you a-lone are the Holy One, you a - lone are the

Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in the

glory of God the Fa-ther. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the high-est.

### The Collect of the Day

Presider Almighty and everliving God, increase in us your gift of faith, that forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to what is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Presider Let us prepare ourselves for the Word of God as it comes to us in the reading of Holy Scripture.

**All Our hearts and minds are open.**

### Listening to God – First Reading

*(please be seated)*

Reader A reading from Exodus. *Paul Gooch*

Moses said to the Lord, 'See, you have said to me, "Bring up this people"; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, "I know you by name, and you have also found favour in my sight." Now if I have found favour in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favour in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.' He said, 'My presence will go

with you, and I will give you rest.' And he said to him, 'If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favour in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth.' The Lord said to Moses, 'I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name.' Moses said, 'Show me your glory, I pray.' And he said, 'I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, "The Lord"; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,' he said, 'you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live.' And the Lord continued, 'See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen.'

*Exodus 33:12-23, NRSV*

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
All **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 99

Based on Old 124th

*The refrain is first sung by the cantor, then by all.*



Pro-claim the great-ness of the Lord our God, who is the Ho - ly One.

Cantor The Lord is king; let the people tremble;  
he is enthroned upon the Cherubim; let the earth shake.  
The Lord is great in Zion; he is high above all peoples. Let them confess his name,  
which is great and awesome; he is the Holy One. **Refrain**

"O mighty King, lover of justice,  
you have established equity;  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."  
Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool;  
he is the Holy One. **Refrain**

Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his  
name, they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.  
He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept his testimonies and the  
decree that he gave them. **Refrain**

"O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; you were a God who forgave them, yet  
punished them for their evil deeds." Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and  
worship him upon his holy hill; for the Lord our God is the Holy One. **Refrain**

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## Listening to God – Second Reading

Paul Gooch

Reader A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

*1 Thessalonians 1:1-10, NRSV*

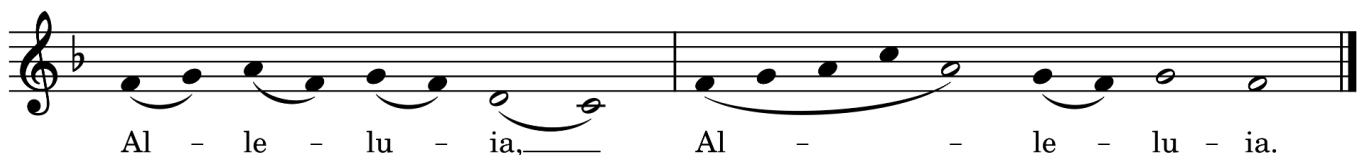
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## Gospel Acclamation - Alleluia

*Adapted from Missa de Angelis*

*The refrain is first sung by the cantor, then by all.*



Cantor: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Cantor: Shine as lights in the world, holding fast the word of life.

**All: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

## The Holy Gospel

*(please remain standing)*

Deacon The Lord be with you.

**All And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**All Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference

to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?' But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' They answered, 'The emperor's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's.' When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.  
*Matthew 22:15-22, NRSV*

Deacon     The Gospel of Christ.  
**All        Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*(please be seated)*

**Homily**

*Rev. Christine Lambert*

### **Music for Reflection**

#### **The Apostles' Creed**

*(please stand as you are able)*

Presider     Let us confess the faith of our baptism, 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.**

*(please stand, kneel, or sit as you are able)*

#### **Prayers of the People**

*Melissa Walter*

#### **Confession and Absolution**

Deacon     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.

Deacon     Most merciful God,  
**All        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.**

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

## The Peace

(please stand as you are able)

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
All And also with you.

*The congregation is invited to remain standing for the offertory.*

## Invitation to Offering

*We at Christ Church Deer Park give regularly to God's work through offerings and other gifts.  
Our offerings support the life of the parish, as well as the work we do in the local community.  
We invite you to contribute financially as you can to the life and ministry of the parish,  
and thank you for your generous and sacrificial giving.*

## Offertory Hymn – I Vow to Thee My Country

THAXTED



I vow to thee, my coun - try, all earth - ly things a - bove,  
And there's a - no - ther coun - try, I've heard of long a - go,  
en - tire and whole and per - fect, the ser - vice of my love:  
most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;  
the love that asks no ques - tion, the love that stands the test,  
we may not count her ar - mies, we may not see her king;  
that lays up on the al - tar the dear - est and the best;  
her fort - ressis a faith - ful heart, her pride is suf - fer - ing;  
the love that nev - er fal - ters, the love that pays the price,  
and soul by soul and si - lent - ly her shin - ing bounds in - crease,  
the love that makes un - daun - ted the fi - nal sac - ri - fice.  
and her ways are ways of gen - tle - ness and all her paths are peace.

Text: Cecil Spring Rice  
Music: Gustav Holst

## Prayer over the Gifts

Presider Eternal God, your word inspires our faith. May we who offer you our praise trust you in all things. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

## Celebrating the Eucharist

*(please remain standing)*

The musical notation is written on a single staff in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two lines of music. The first line has four measures, with the first and third measures labeled 'Priest' and the second and fourth measures labeled 'People'. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord'. The second line has two measures, with the first measure labeled 'Priest' and the second measure labeled 'People'. The lyrics are: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.' The music features a simple melody with some triplets and rests.

Priest                      People                      Priest                      People

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord

Priest                      People

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Presider It is indeed right that we should praise you, gracious God, for you created all things. You formed us in your own image: human you created us. When we turned away from you in sin, you did not cease to care for us, but opened a path of salvation for all people. You made a covenant with Israel, and through your servants Abraham and Sarah gave the promise of a blessing to all nations. Through Moses you led your people from bondage into freedom; through the prophets you renewed your promise of salvation. Therefore, with them, and with all your saints who have served you in every age, we give thanks and raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

## Sanctus & Benedictus - Mass of St. Thomas

David Thorne

The musical notation is written on a single staff in D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. It consists of four lines of music. The first line is labeled 'All' and has a triplet of eighth notes. The lyrics are: 'Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of po-wer and might,'. The second line has two triplets of eighth notes. The lyrics are: 'hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na'. The third line has a triplet of eighth notes. The lyrics are: 'in the high - est Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'. The fourth line has a triplet of eighth notes. The lyrics are: 'Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The music features a simple melody with some triplets and rests.

All

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of po-wer and might,

hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na

in the high - est Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Presider Holy God, source of life and goodness, all creation rightly gives you praise. In the fullness of time, you sent your Son Jesus Christ, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He healed the sick and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners; he opened the eyes of the blind and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and to those in need. In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death, 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."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice destroys the power of sin and death; by raising him to life you give us life for evermore. Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

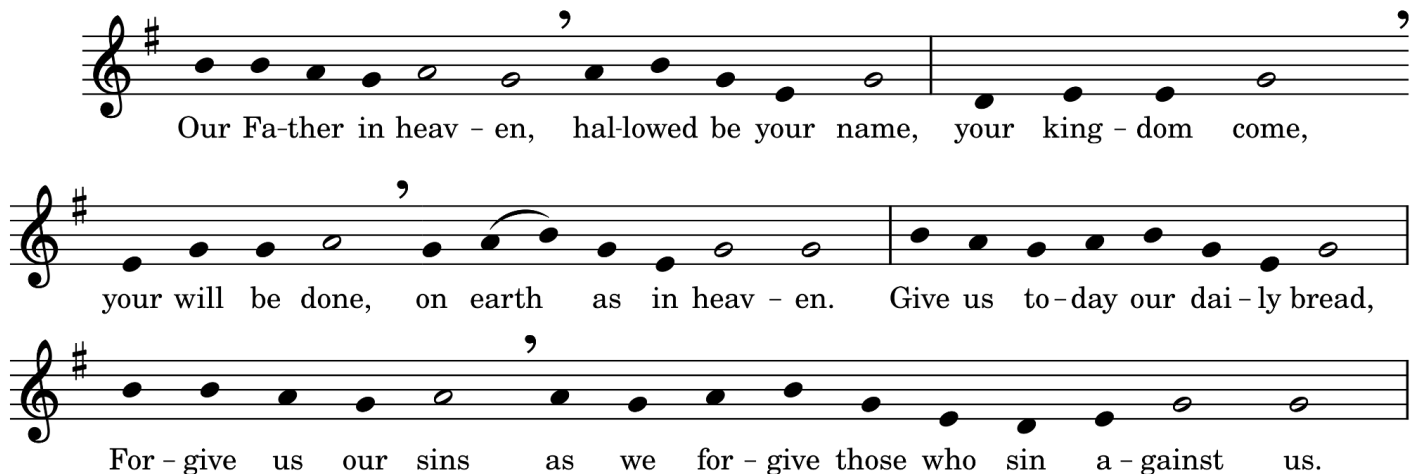


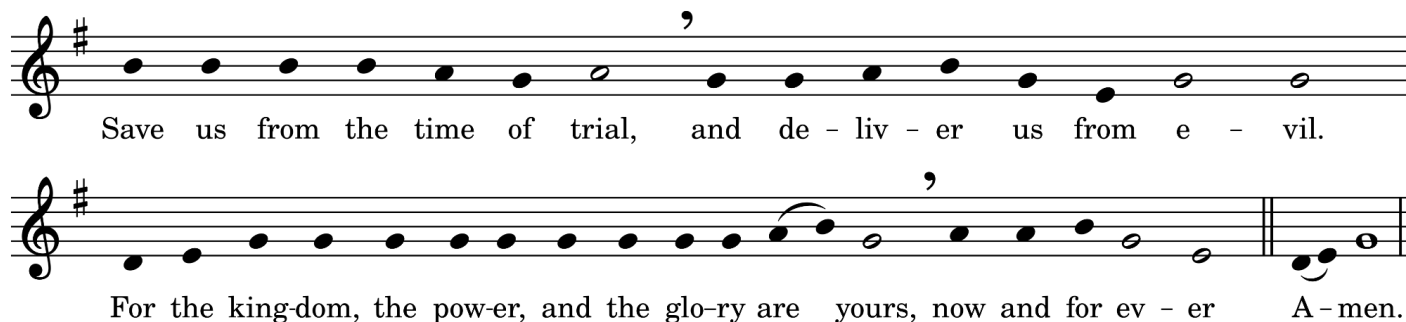
Presider Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection, and looking for his coming again in glory, we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup. Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts, that all who eat and drink at this table may be one body and one holy people, a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

McNeil Robinson

Presider As our Saviour taught us, let us pray:





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## Breaking of the Bread

Presider "I am the bread of life," says the Lord. "Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst."

**All Taste and see that the Lord is good; happy are they who trust in him!**

Presider The gifts of God, for the people of God.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*(please remain standing)*

## Agnus Dei – Mass of St. Thomas

David Thorne



## A Note about Holy Communion

*All are welcome to receive Communion! Please let the priest know if you require gluten-free. If you prefer to receive a blessing instead, simply cross your arms over your chest as you come to the priest. You are receiving full communion with the bread alone. If you prefer not to receive the wine, you may acknowledge the chalice by touching the base or simply return to your seat.*

*(please be seated)*

## Communion Motet – Here, O My Lord

Eleanor Daley

Choir Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face;  
here would we touch and handle things unseen;  
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace  
and all my weariness upon Thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God,  
here drink with Thee the royal wine of heav'n;  
here would I lay aside each earthly load,  
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.

This is the hour of banquet and of song;  
this is the heav'nly table spread for me;  
here let me feast, and feasting, still prolong  
the brief, bright hour of fellowship with Thee.

-Horatius Bonar

**Communion Hymn – O God, Unseen Yet Ever Near - CP #52**

ST. FLAVIAN

**All** O God, unseen yet ever near,  
thy presence may we feel;  
and, thus inspired with holy fear,  
before thine altar kneel.

Here may thy faithful people know  
the blessings of thy love,  
the streams that through the desert flow,  
the manna from above.

We come, obedient to thy word,  
to feast on heavenly food;  
our meat the body of the Lord,  
our drink his precious blood.

Thus may we all thy word obey,  
for we, O God, are thine;  
and go rejoicing on our way,  
renewed with strength divine.

Text: Edward Osler

Music: John Day's *Psalter*

**Prayer after Communion**

*(please stand as you are able)*

Presider God of peace, you have nourished us in this sacrament with the body and blood of Christ. May we who have taken holy things keep faith in our hearts and lives, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

**Blessing**

Presider May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, and the blessing of God almighty, the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifying Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## Announcements

*(please be seated)*

*(please stand as you are able)*

**Closing Hymn** – My Life Flows On in Endless Song - CP #401 (v. 1, 2, 5) HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

**All** My life flows on in endless song  
above earth's lamentation:  
I hear the real, though far-off hymn  
that hails a new creation.

### ***Refrain***

No storm can shake my inmost calm  
while to that rock I'm clinging;  
since love is Lord of heaven and earth,  
how can I keep from singing?

Through all the tumult and the strife  
I hear that music ringing;  
it sounds and echoes in my soul;  
how can I keep from singing? ***Refrain***

The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
a fountain ever springing.  
All things are mine since I am his,  
How can I keep from singing? ***Refrain***

Word and Music: Attributed to Robert Lowry

## **Dismissal**

Deacon Go in the peace of Christ.

**People Thanks be to God!**

**Postlude** *Allegro Maestoso e Vivace* from Sonata No. 2

Felix Mendelssohn

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### Musical Note

This week's offertory hymn, "I Vow to Thee My Country," comes from a poem by Cecil Spring Rice titled "*Urbs Dei*" ("The City of God") or "The Two Fatherlands" written by 1912 and possibly as early as 1908. Gustav Holst set this text to the tune "THAXTED," which is adapted from "Jupiter" from his *The Planets* (1917). While this famous hymn is often associated with Remembrance services and British patriotism (and sometimes criticized for what could be read as nationalist sentiments), its poetic message connects with today's Gospel, which reminds us that we have both civil and heavenly duties. The second verse reveals that our ultimate allegiance is to the Heavenly Kingdom of God; it is in this light that we can interpret the first verse's lines about "a love that asks no question" not as a demand for uncritical obedience to a government, but rather as a call to love our neighbours unconditionally, wholly, and sacrificially.

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### *Assisting with the Liturgy*

**Presider:** Rev. Mary Lewis

**Preacher:** Rev. Christine Lambert

**Director of Music & Organist:** Dr. Stefani Bedin

**Choral Section Leads:** Emily Ding, Julia Barber,  
Ivan Vutev, Peter Warren

**Crucifer:** Sunkanmi Kazeem

**Subdeacon:** Elsa Jones

**Reader:** Paul Gooch

**Prayers of the People:** Melissa Walter

**Warden on Duty:** Jill MacRae

**Sidesperson / Greeter:** John Goodwin

**Welcome Team:** Sandra Geddes

**Vergers:** Rikk Scapillato

**Livestream Technician:** Godwin Njeteneh

### Next Week's Worship Preview:

**October 25, 2026 at 10:30 am**

**The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost**

**Readings:** Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17;  
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8; Matthew 22:34-46

**Presider:** Rev. Alison Falby

**Preacher:** Rev. Mark Jefferson

**Hymns:** O Worship the King | Sing Praises Old and New |  
Christians, Let Us Love One Another | Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

**Choral Anthem:** Attwood - Teach Me, O Lord





## Visitor Information

Hearing Assistance Devices are located on the table beside the bell-tower entrance.  
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## Participating in the Offertory

Thank you for your faithful generosity. Running our church is a significant undertaking that allows us to serve our congregation and the neighbourhood. Our essential weekly operating costs total approximately \$20,000. Your contributions support everything from maintaining our sacred space to funding vital community programs and staff salaries. Your ongoing support is deeply appreciated.

### Offerings and Donations

There are a number of ways to make offerings or donations to the church.

**In Person**

Place your gifts in the collection plate during services or special events.

**By Mail**

Send your offering by cheque to the church office.

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