



ST. FAITH'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
A Place of Art and Soul

10:00 a.m. Sunday, September 29, 2024
Reconciliation Sunday



"This Place for Displaced," Rickie 'Sugars'; acrylic paint, ink, and spray paint; Downtown Eastside, Vancouver; 2024.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT*

One: In this time and place, we gather on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded lands of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh nations.

Many: From many places and peoples, we come to this house of prayer.

PRAYER TO THE FOUR DIRECTIONS*

OPENING HYMN

AS JACOB WITH TRAVEL WAS WEARY

CP#535

THE GREETING*

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

Many: And also with you.

THE COLLECT*

One: Let us pray.

Many: Creator God, from you every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. You have rooted and grounded us in your covenant love, and empowered us by your Spirit to speak the truth in love, and to walk in your way towards justice and wholeness. Mercifully grant that your people, journeying together in partnership, may be strengthened and guided to help one another to grow into the full stature of Christ, who is our light and our life. Amen.

FIRST READING

ESTHER 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me—that is my petition—and the lives of my people—that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, his wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these

things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

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

PSALM 124

If the Lord had not been on our side, let
Israel now say;

**If the Lord had not been on our side,
when enemies rose up against us;**

Then would they have swallowed us up
alive in their fierce anger toward us;

**Then would the waters have
overwhelmed us and the torrent
gone over us;**

Then would the raging waters have gone
right over us.

**Blessed be the Lord! he has not given
us over to be a prey for their teeth.**

We have escaped like a bird from the
snare of the fowler; the snare is
broken, and we have escaped.

**Our help is in the Name of the Lord,
the maker of heaven and earth.**

SECOND READING

JAMES 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

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

GRADUAL HYMN

O PRAISE YE THE LORD

CP#330

THE GOSPEL*

MARK 9:38-50

One: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

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

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we

tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of Christ. **People:** **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

SERMON

The Rev. Adam Yates

Following the sermon, we have a moment for silent reflection and prayer.

THE AFFIRMATION*

COMMON WORSHIP

One: Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Many: **Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing. Taking the form of a servant, he was born in human likeness. He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross. Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE*

Please stand, sit, or kneel as is your custom for prayer.

THE CONFESSION*

COMMON WORSHIP

One: Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God’s commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

Many: **Lord God, we have sinned against you; we have done evil in your sight. We are sorry and repent. Have mercy on us according to your love. Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin. Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

THE PEACE

One: May the peace of God be always with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LITURGY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY HYMN

YE HOLY ANGELS BRIGHT

CP #323

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PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS*

One: Let us pray.

Many: **Eternal God, in Jesus Christ we behold your glory. Receive the offering of your people gathered before you, and open our hearts and mouths to praise your great salvation, the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

COMMUNION*

BAS, PRAYER 3

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: **We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The celebrant continues, until...

One: Therefore with all the company of heaven we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

We sing from the insert...

Many: **You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more than we ever understand. You are always at hand. Blessed are you coming near. Blessed are you coming here to your church in wine and bread, raised from soil, raised from dead. You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present. Let the cosmos praise you, Lord! Sing Hosanna in the highest! Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!**

The celebrant continues, until...

One: Therefore, Holy God, according to his command,
Many: **We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;**

The celebrant continues, until...

One: By whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Many: **Amen.**

One: As Christ teaches us, we pray:

We sing from the hymnal, #744...

Many: **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, deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours. Now and forever. Amen**

THE FRACTION*

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

Many: **We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

One: Behold what you are.

Many: **May we become what we receive.**

COMMUNION

All who are drawn by Christ are welcome at this table. Gluten-free wafers are available on request.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION*

One: Let us pray.

Many: **God in heaven, strengthen the unity of your Church, so that we who have been fed with holy things may fulfil your will in the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Many: **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.**

BLESSING*

COMMON WORSHIP

One: May the God who brings peace, bring peace down upon you, upon this community, and upon this world, and may the blessings of God+ our Creator, Redeemer, and Giver of Life be with you always.

Many: **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

WHEN LONG BEFORE TIME

CP#307

DISMISSAL*

One: Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!

Many: **Thanks be to God!**

THE WORSHIP IS OVER. THE SERVICE BEGINS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEUROGRAPHICA WORKSHOP

On October 5 from 10am-12pm, come explore the practice of Neurographic art with Alina Smolyansky, certified Neurographica instructor and artist. Participants will learn about the practice of Neurographica and try their hands at exploring this artistic and therapeutic technique. Space is limited to 15 participants and registration costs \$22. Register online at stfaiths.ca or by calling the church office.

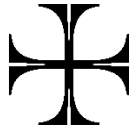
I AM CURIOUS...WHAT DOES HEAVEN LOOK LIKE? OCTOBER 20

Near Death Experience is a term which originates with Dr. Raymond Moody and his research in the 1960's. A Near Death Experience can occur when someone dies and transcends to another realm, a realm which Christians understand as Heaven. These folks through resuscitation or other means then often return to this life with beautiful descriptions of life on the other side of the veil, encounters with spiritual beings including a God of unconditional love, angels, Jesus and other great spiritual teachers, as well as a deep sense that they are meant to live out their own particular spiritual purpose in this world.

This workshop will begin at noon on Sunday October 20th. We will share some video clips of people who have had this experience. Sandwiches will be provided as well as some heavenly chocolate treats. If you have any questions beforehand, please speak to Jamie Powers who will be facilitating the workshop. Please confirm your attendance with her.

THIS WEEK AT ST. FAITH'S

Wednesday, October 2 10:30am Bible Study
Saturday, October 5 10am Neurographic Art Workshop
Sunday, October 6 **Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**
8am Holy Eucharist, BCP
10am Holy Eucharist
2pm Contemplative Garden Work Party
5pm St. Hildegard's Sanctuary



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* Indicates places where it is appropriate to stand (or kneel), as you are able.

+ Indicates places where it is traditional to cross yourself, should you desire.