

Prayers of the People, The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: VU 672 Take Time to be Holy

To Depart in Faith

Commissioning and Benediction

We have been called. Whether we consider ourselves sinners or saints, God has still called us to do the work of ministry in the world by being the people of God and showing the world the truth of Jesus' teachings. May we move from here with the peace of the Holy Spirit, the forgiveness of God, and the love of Jesus surrounding us always. Amen.

Closing MV 209 Go make a Difference

Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence. Go make a diff'rence in the world. Go make a diff'rence. We can make a diff'rence. Go make a diff'rence in the world!

Scripture readings for November 9 2025

Haggai 2:1-9 Psalm 145 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17 Luke 20:27-38

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Welcome and Announcements.

Acknowledgement

Holy One, Child of Life, Great Spirit, we meet you in the company of ancestors and the presence of people praying throughout our country, connected by a longing for peace and healing.

Find our hearts open and ready for reconciliation as we face the injustices of the past and long for the joy of a future of peace and healing.

Introit Come and find the quiet centre in the crowded life we lead, find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed: clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes that we can see all the things that really matter, be at peace and simple be. VU 374

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Call to Worship

Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength.

They shall mount up with wings as eagles;

They shall run and not be weary;

They shall walk and not faint.

In the company of all God's saints and pilgrims, come and worship.

We come with prayer and praise to find our strength renewed!

Christ Candle

Today we are honouring and praying for the "everyday saints" in our lives, the special people who have made a positive impact and helped us grow in a way we might not otherwise have grown. They have helped us through adversity and adventure, through celebration and challenge. These people have been light in the world, just as

Jesus was the light of the world. As we light the Christ candle today, we remember these everyday saints in gratitude.

Hymn: VU 321 Maker in Whom we Live

Prayer of Approach

Dear God, we praise you for giving us the glorious people who have gone before us, those who are saints and those who have lived a life of saintly example. We ask that you help us follow their example and guide us to offer ourselves to that calling, to commit ourselves to your glory and to service in your name, as followers of Jesus. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Most gentle God:

**we confess that we do not always feel like praising You.
We lose sight of Your wonder in the ordinary places
and we forget Your goodness when times are hard.
Forgive us when we dishonour You,
and help us when we find ourselves struggling.
Lead us gently onwards to brighter and to better places,
where we can regain a vision of Your glory.**

Response: MV 12 Come touch our hearts that we may know compassion, from failing embers build a blazing fire; love strong enough to overturn injustice, to seek a world more gracious, come touch and bless our hearts.

Words of Assurance

Behold: there is a new heaven, a new earth and a new city, where the river of life flows, where the tree of life bears fruit in every season. This heaven, this city, this river, this tree are a vision of your life reborn, restored, and renewed. **Thanks be to God!**

Response: MV 115 Behold! Behold! I make all things new, beginning with you and starting from today. Behold, behold, I make all things new my promise is true for I am Christ the way.

Story Time

Hymn: VU 641 Lord Jesus you shall be by song

First Scripture Reading Ephesians 1:11-23

This is the story of God's people. **All: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading Psalm 149 VU 873

Gospel Luke 19:1-10

This is the Good News of Jesus Christ! **All: Thanks be to God.**

Reflection

HYMN: Litany of the Saints

Minute for Mission

Offering Invitation: When we gather as God's Church, we celebrate the gifts of so many others, for so many centuries, offered in Jesus' name. Now is our opportunity to join our gifts to theirs, so that God will be praised and Jesus' love will be spread in this generation and in those to come.

Offertory Hymn: VU 538 **For the gift of creation, the gift of your love, and the gift of the Spirit by which we live, we thank you and give you the fruit of our hands. May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.**

Offering Prayer: Here are our gifts, O God. As the saints did before us, so we live by the faith that is ours as fully as we can. **And we share the gifts you have given us, for the good of all, for the good of all creation. Receive these gifts, bless them, use them and use us to be your presence everywhere. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**