

The United Church of Canada

Trinity Memorial, Gladwin Heights,
and Saint Andrew's United Church

The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost
August 31, 2025

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

++ Please rise in body or spirit
MV = More Voices; VU = Voices United

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING:

God be with you.

And also with you.

TERRITORY ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

We worship on the unceded territory of the Halq'eméylem-speaking peoples.

CANDLE LIGHTING

SUNG RESPONSE: "Come O Holy Spirit, Come" VU 383 2x

Come, O Holy Spirit, come.

Come, almighty Spirit come.

Come, come, come.

WE WELCOME EACH OTHER

Let us welcome each other to this place.

**This is the table of Jesus Christ;
this is the wedding feast of the Lamb of God;
this is the house of the Lord.**

You are welcome here.

**All are welcome here; we are all honoured guests,
for our brother Jesus Christ has invited us
and set the table.**

WE CENTRE IN GOD:

Holy and Hosting One,
You filled Jesus of Nazareth
with the Spirit of Christ.

**In him you showed us what is always true:
that you love good food, good drink,
and the health and happiness of all your people.**

Join us now; join us together as one;

as now we worship,

and as later we eat and drink.

**Show us that all, without distinction,
are your children
and members of your household.**

++**HYMN:** "The House of Our God"

WE OPEN OURSELVES TO GOD:

Holy One,

We have forgotten what your holiness means.

We have believed that your holiness means remoteness,
that you are present only when everything is quiet and ordered
and restricted to those most respectable.

We have forgotten that your holiness means
that all sacred:

that you are present in food and drink and wild revelry,
and in blood and bombs and starving children.

The people and places that you most honour
are those people and places we imagine are most beyond your
reach, and our care.

[Silent Prayer]

AND WE ARE ACCEPTED:

And so God sends the Christ into our lives, into our churches, into our boardrooms and battlefields.

**God comforts our afflictions and afflicts our comforts,
until our compassion reflects the wideness
of God's mercy.**

Thanks be to God!

WE RESPOND: MV 156 – “Dance with the Spirit”

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

SCRIPTURE: **Reader: Kate Jordan**

Proverbs 25:6-7

Psalms 112 [VU 834]

Luke 14:1-14

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON:

++HYMN: “When You Show Up at a Dinner”
[Tune: VU 559]

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S LOVE

PASSING THE PEACE:

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *First Nations Version of the
New Testament*

[Unison]

O Great Spirit, our Father from above,
we honor your name as sacred and holy.
Bring your good road to us,
where the beauty of your ways in the spirit-world above
is reflected in the earth below.

Provide for us day by day –
the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon.
The corn, the squash, and the wild rice.
All the things we need for each day.

Release us from the things we have done wrong,
in the same way we release others
for the things done wrong to us.
Guide us away from the things
that tempt us to stray from your good road,
and set us free from the evil one and his worthless ways.
Aho! May it be so!

MISSION AND SERVICE STORIES

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING:

Let us present our offering to the work of God.

++OFFERTORY: MV 185 – “Ev'ry Day is a Day
of Thanksgiving”

The offering is brought forward.

PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS:

You are wisdom in a world that has lost its way.

Take our gifts and use them.

You are life in a world in love with death.

Take our hearts and love them.

You are purpose in a searching world.

Take our lives, and bless them.

++HYMN: VU 418 – “Go Forth for God”

WE GO OUT TO SERVE GOD

++COMMISSIONING AND BENEDICTION

EXTROIT: MV 213

Take up his song of faith and go into the world.

Take up his song of faith in ev'ry moment

In ev'ry moment of the journey, we're laying down our lives;

Lay them down, in faith, lay them down,

And take up his song.

END OF WORSHIP

BEGINNING OF SERVICE IN THE COMMUNITY