

*Welcome to the Anglican Parish  
of St. Philip by-the-Sea*



*“Journeying together in God’s love”*

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**Sunday, May 9, 2021**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

## Welcome and announcements

### Greeting

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May his grace and peace be with you.

**May he fill our hearts with joy.**

### Penitence

Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

**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.**

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.**

## Psalm 98

O sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done  
marvellous things.

**His right hand and his holy arm have gained  
him victory.**

The LORD has made known his victory;  
**he has revealed his vindication in the sight  
of the nations.**

He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness  
to the house of Israel.

**All the ends of the earth have seen the victory  
of our God.**

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;  
**break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,  
**with the lyre and the sound of melody.**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn  
**make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD.**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
**the world and those who live in it.**

Let the floods clap their hands;  
**let the hills sing together for joy**

at the presence of the LORD, for he is coming  
to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world with righteousness, and the  
peoples with equity.**

**First reading:****Acts 10:44-48**

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel:****John 15:9-17**

Jesus said, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Sermon: The Reverend Heather Robinson**

### **What we believe**

**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.**

### **Prayers of the People**

Let us pray.

God of all things seen and unseen, if you had insulated yourself from the pain of the world, then your name could not be love and our condition would be without hope. Thank you for revealing your complete commitment in Jesus of Nazareth. Through him we pray with hope, in him we pray with love.

Let your healing love be known this day by all who suffer ailment of body, or distress of mind, or agony of spirit

Please reveal your compassion,  
**Loving God, bring wholeness to all.**

Let your intimate love be known today by all who feel forgotten or lost, and all who are walking in the dark valley of despair.

Please reveal your compassion,

**Loving God, bring wholeness to all.**

Let your fierce love this day redress the wrongs of all who suffer exploitation, injustice, abuse, neglect, violence or unwarranted imprisonment.

Please reveal your compassion,

**Loving God, bring wholeness to all.**

Let your nurturing love today encourage those who are gathering resolve to make tough decisions, take on new responsibilities, or break free from some bondage.

Please reveal your compassion,

**Loving God, bring wholeness to all.**

Let your relentless love this day upset Christians that have become self-centred or even contemptuous of other churches.

Please reveal your compassion,

**Loving God, bring wholeness to all.**

Let your reconciling love today gather together the separated Christians, and make them aware of the fellowship and mission of the one, universal body of Christ

Please reveal your compassion,

**Loving God, bring wholeness to all.**

Let your inspiring love this day rejuvenate pastors, priests and prophets who have become weary to the very roots of their souls.

Please reveal your compassion,

**Loving God, bring wholeness to all.**

Thank you for hearing us, most loving God. With the whole body of believers in time and eternity, we want to love, praise and serve you, today and evermore.

Through Christ Jesus your true Son.

**Amen.**

## **Collect**

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you riches beyond imagination. Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

As our Saviour has taught us, let us pray:

**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 for ever. Amen.**

## **Conclusion**

Let us bless the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

Be steadfast in faith, joyful in hope, and untiring in love all the days of your life. And may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you now and always. **Amen.**

**Alleluia!**

***In the Worldwide Anglican Communion:*** Pray for The Anglican Church of Kenya.

***In our Diocese of British Columbia, we pray for:*** Anna, our bishop. The Two Saints Ministry - Adela Torchia. Diocese of New Westminster - Bishop John Stephens.

***This week in our Parish Family of St. Philip by-the-Sea, we pray for*** our interim priest, Heather Robinson. We pray for Doreen Jolliffe, Monica & John Kirkhope, Marion Ladell and for all their families. We pray for peace and for all refugees around the world.

### **Announcements**

**Wednesday Morning Prayer:** Morning Prayer can be viewed on the church web-site under Online Services

<https://www.stphilipplantzville.ca/podcasts/services-and-sermons>

