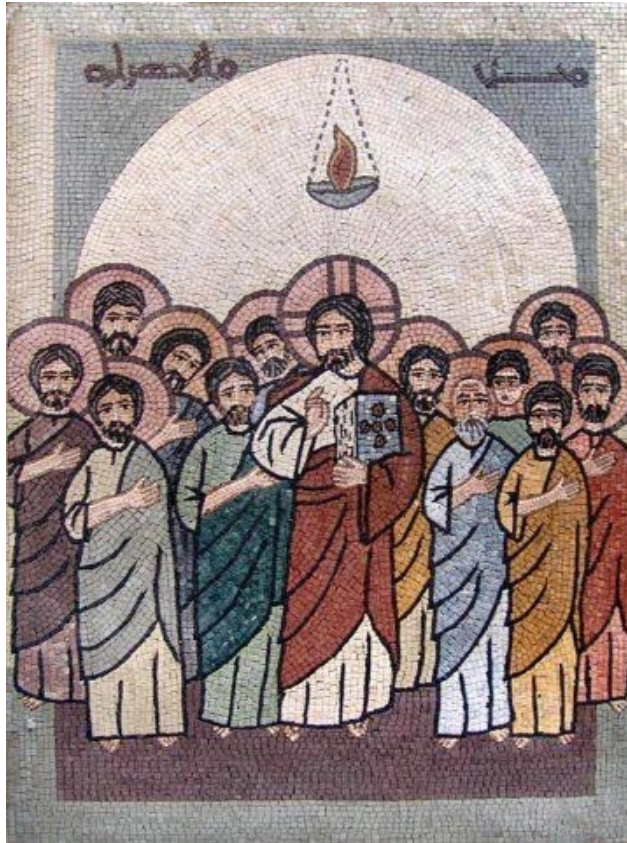


EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

26 SEPTEMBER 2021



8 AM EUCHARIST & 10 AM MORNING PRAYER
IN-PERSON & ZOOM



ST. HELEN'S (WEST POINT GREY)
ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA
DIOCESE OF NEW WESTMINSTER

THE REVEREND LIZ HAMEL, INTERIM PRIEST-IN-CHARGE

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost - 26 September 2021

A warm welcome to The Rev. April Stanley!

8:00 am Eucharist

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Collect, Readings and Psalm - See 10 am Sung Eucharist

10:00 am Sung Morning Prayer

Prelude

The Gathering of the Community

Welcome

We bid you a very warm welcome to our worship. We acknowledge our presence on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded territory of the Musqueam, Squamish, Tsleil-Waututh People. As part of the Anglican Church of Canada, a church of settlers and First Nations, we commit ourselves to a journey of truth and reconciliation between the Indigenous peoples of this land and the non-native peoples of Canada.

Please rise as you are able

Opening Hymn Praise to the Lord Almighty, v 1-4

CP 384

- 1 Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation;
O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation:
all ye who hear,
brothers and sisters draw near,
praise him in glad adoration.
- 2 Praise to the Lord,
who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings,
yea, so gently sustaineth:
hast thou not seen
how thy entreaties have been
granted in what he ordaineth?
- 3 Praise to the Lord,
who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
surely his goodness and mercy
here daily attend thee:

ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
if with his love he befriend thee.

- 4 Praise to the Lord,
who, when tempests their warfare are waging,
who, when the elements madly
around thee are raging,
biddeth them cease,
turneth their fury to peace,
whirlwinds and waters assuaging.

Celebrant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
And the love of God,
And the unity of the Holy Spirit
Be with you all.

All **And also with you**

Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God,
All **to you all hearts are open,**
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Gloria Glory in the Highest Glory

CP 366

- 1 Glory, in the highest glory,
peace to all in all their days.
Worship, thanks and praise unceasing
to the Source of all we raise:
reigning in the sapphire height,
hidden from our mortal sight,
now receive our adoration,
as we make our supplication.
- 2 Jesus Christ, the world's Redeemer,
Lamb of God, for sinners given,
Word eternal, born of Mary,
Word made flesh, the face of heaven:
holy one, to you we pray,
hear us in the realms of day,
with the Spirit there united,
and the God-head high exalted.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant O God,

All **our guide and help in strange lands:
strengthen us by the faith and courage of Esther,
so that we may confront the oppressor with the justice and unity of your
reign, freeing the oppressed and proclaiming your glorious liberty;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our freedom. Amen.**

Please be seated

The Proclamation of the Word

1st Reading Esther 7:1-6, 9-10, 9:20-22

Reader A reading from the Book of Esther

Lynn Raymond

So 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 favour, 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, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the 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.

All

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 124

REFRAIN: *We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler*

- ¹ If the Lord had not been ¹on our side, *
let Is-ra-¹el now say;
² if the Lord had not been ¹on our side, *
when enemies rose ¹up against us;
³ then would they have swallowed us ¹up alive *
in their fierce ¹anger toward us;
⁴ then would the waters have ¹overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone ¹over us;
⁵ then would the ¹raging waters *
have gone right ¹over us.
⁶ Blessed ¹be the Lord *
who has not given us over to be a prey ¹for their teeth.
⁷ We have escaped like a bird from the snare ¹of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we ¹have escaped.
⁸ Our help is in the name ¹of the Lord, *
the maker of heav-¹en and earth.

*2nd Reading
Reader*

James 5:13-20

Richard Alexander

A reading from The Letter of James

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
All*

Hear what the spirit is saying to the church.
Thanks be to God.

Please rise as you are able

Gospel

Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

CP 715

*Gospel
Reading*

Mark 9:38-50

Reader

The Lord be with you.

All

And also with you.

Reader

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

All

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 life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; 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."

Reader

The Gospel of Christ.

All

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel

Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sermon

The Rev. April Stanley

Please rise as you are able

Apostles' Creed

Celebrant

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.**

Prayers of the People

Liz Hodgson

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

Confession and Absolution

BAS 191

Celebrant Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
God welcomes sinners and invites us to this table.
Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness.

The Silence is kept

Celebrant 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.**

Celebrant 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.
All **Amen.**

Please rise

The Peace

BAS 192

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

The Celebration of the Eucharist

*Offertory
Hymn*

You are Salt for the Earth

CP 502

- 1 You are salt for the earth, O people:
salt for the kingdom of God!
Share the flavour of life, O people:
Life in the kingdom of God!

Refrain

**Bring forth the kingdom of mercy,
bring forth the kingdom of peace;
bring forth the kingdom of justice,
bring forth the city of God!**

- 2 You are a light on the hill, O people:
light for the city of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people:
shine for the kingdom of God!

Refrain

- 3 You are a seed of the Word, O people:
bring forth the kingdom of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice
grow in the kingdom of God!

Refrain

- 4 We are a blest and a pilgrim people
bound for the kingdom of God!
Love our journey and lover our homeland:
love is the kingdom of God!

Refrain

Prayer over the Gifts

BAS 336

Celebrant

Creator God,
We offer you these gifts which you have given us,
this bread, this wine, our money,
with them we offer ourselves, our lives, our work.
As this bread and wine become the body and blood of the Lord,
so may we and all your holy church show your love to all people;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

EP5

Celebrant

May God be with you.

All

And also with you.

Celebrant

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant It is right in all times and in all places to thank and praise you Creator of all.

We praise you here where the Fraser River meets the Salish Sea, where city and farm, wilderness and industry are side by side. We praise you at a time when the body of earth is broken again and again.

We give thanks for our place in the story of salvation. Our ancestors journeyed with you in creation and migration. They depended on the land, were displaced from the land and displaced others from their lands. They knew you in tents and cities, on mountains and by wells, in families and in dreams, and through wilderness prophets who spoke of cedars and listened to ravens.

Together with angels and ancestors, orca and salmon, bear and raven, salal and cedar we join our voices with all creation in this ancient honour song:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Please be seated

Celebrant We give thanks to you for Jesus, whose first bed was a feed trough. He was baptized in the Jordan, tested in the wilderness, he traveled in fishing boats and told parables of farmers and seeds, labor and wages, yeast and bread.

On the night before he died, Jesus took bread, food of the poor, the work of field and hearth, he gave thanks, broke it and gave it to his friends saying: Take and eat, this is my body, given for you, do this to remember me.

Again after supper he took the cup of wine, fruit of the land, gave thanks and gave it to his friends saying: This is my blood, which is shed for you. When you do this, do it in memory of me.

Remembering Jesus' life, death and resurrection and awaiting his coming kingdom, we offer you this bread and this cup.

Creator, send your Spirit on these gifts so that we know Jesus in them and are gathered together with everyone who shares this sacred meal of justice and community.

Fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that we may strive for justice and peace, respect the dignity of every human being, and safeguard the integrity of creation.

Bring us with all your saints to your commonwealth of sparrow and lily, child and beggar which is both now and yet to come.

All honour and glory are yours, Creator, Christ and Spirit, now and forever.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer (said)

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,
All **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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant We break this bread
To share in the body of Christ
All **We being many are one body
For we all share in the one bread.**

The Communion

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God
All **Thanks be to God**

If you are not physically receiving Communion, then offer this prayer:

In union, O God, with all your faithful people gathered wherever the eucharist is celebrated this day, I offer you praise and thanksgiving for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption given to us through the life, death and resurrection of Christ, and for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I pray you come into my heart, my soul and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you. May I serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your promised reign of justice and peace; through Christ and in the unity of the Spirit. Amen.

Lamb of God

CP 745

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us;
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace; grant us peace.

*Communion
Hymn*

How Firm a Foundation

CP 527

- 1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who to Jesus for refuge have fled?
- 2 “Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee,
and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand
- 3 When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.
- 4 When through fiery trails thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply:
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine
- 5 The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not—I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never—no, never—no, never forsake!”

Sending Out of the Disciples

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Creator God,
**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.**

Doxology

Celebrant 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.**

Please be seated

Announcements

Please rise as you are able

Blessing

Closing Hymn King of Glory, King of Peace

CP 345

- 1 King of glory, King of peace,
I will love thee;
and that love may never cease,
I will move thee.
Thou hast granted my request,
thou hast heard me;
thou didst note my working breast,
thou hast spared me.
- 2 Wherefore with my utmost art
I will sing thee,
and the ream of all my heart
I will bring thee.
Though my sins against me cried,
thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied,
thou didst hear me.
- 3 Seven whole days, not one in seven,
I will praise thee;
in my heart, though not in heaven,
I can raise thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort
to enrol thee:
even eternity's too short
to extol thee.

Dismissal
Celebrant
All

Go in peace and love to serve God.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

I Will Lift Up My Eyes by Dvorak

Dale Throness, baritone







About Us

We are an inclusive Christian church, rooted in the Anglican tradition. On Sundays we gather to worship God through prayer and music. We actively serve our neighbours, especially the homeless, underhoused, and marginalized.

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Justin Cho, tenor

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