

Archbishop & Metropolitan: The Most Reverend Dr. Lynne McNaughton
Diocese of New Westminster – Bishop: The Right Reverend John Stephens



St Clement's Anglican Church

The 18th Sunday after Pentecost
September 26th 2021
Holy Eucharist

Welcome to everyone worshipping with us in-person and online today.

The Gathering of the Community *Stand*

Presider In this time and place

We gather on the unceded ancestral lands of the Squamish, Musqueam and Tseil-Watuth nations

All From many places and peoples we come to this house of prayer.

Presider In this time and place

We meet in the presence of the living God

All The living God who creates us and all that is.

Presider In this time and place

The risen Christ stands in our midst.

All The risen Christ who accompanies us and all people.

Presider In this time and place

God's Holy Spirit breathes in and through us

All The Holy Spirit who transforms us and all life.

Presider In this time and place

Together, one people of God.

**All In the name of God, Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Following the ringing of the bell, a moment of silence is kept

Processional Hymn On Eagle's Wings

stand

You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord, who abide in his shadow for life, say to the Lord: "My refuge, my rock in whom I trust!"

Refrain *"And I will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of my hand."*

The snare of the fowler will never capture you
and the famine will bring you no fear:
under God's wings your refuge, God's faithfulness your shield. *Refrain*

You need not fear the terror of the night, nor the arrow that flies by day,
though thousands fall about you, near you it shall not come. *Refrain*

For to God's angels is given a command to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone. *Refrain*

Text: Psalm 91; Michael Joncas, b. 1951./ Music: Michael Joncas b. 1951. Words & Music ©1979, 1991 New Dawn Music.

The Presider greets the community

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

All **And also with you.**

Presider 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Gloria

Refrain *Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth.*

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Refrain *Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's people on earth.*

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The Collect

Presider Let us pray

Presider God of unchangeable power,

All **when you fashioned the world the morning stars sang together
and the host of heaven shouted for joy; open our eyes to the
wonders of creation and teach us to see all things for good,
to the honor of your glorious name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Season of Creation 2021 – A New Zealand Prayer Book.

Children's Talk

Hear God's Word, a flame that lights our path each day.

See God's Word, reflected in our lives.

Live God's Word, throughout each day, in work and play.

God's own Word, keeps us alive.

(Music: Lynne Graham: Lyrics: Lynley Lewis)

The Proclamation of the Word

1st Reading from the Book of Esther (7 : 1-6, 9-10, 22-24)

Art Tinker

Sit

7 ¹So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. ²On 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." ³Then 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. ⁴For 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.” ⁵Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, “Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?” ⁶Esther said, “A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!” Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

⁹Then 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.” ¹⁰So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

²⁰Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, ²¹enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, ²²as 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.

At the end of the reading, the reader says Holy Word. Holy Wisdom.
Please respond with **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 124

Sit

¹ If the Lord had not been on our side,
let Israel now say;
² **if the Lord had not been on our side,
when enemies rose up against us;**
³ then would they have swallowed us up alive
in their fierce anger toward us;
⁴ **then would the waters have overwhelmed us
and the torrent gone over us;**
⁵ then would the raging waters
have gone right over us.

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

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

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

Presider Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God:

All as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.

2nd Reading from the Letter of James (5 : 13 – 20)

Jill Allerton

Sit

¹³ Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ 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. ¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ 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. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰ 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.

At the end of the reading, the reader says Holy Word. Holy Wisdom.

***Please respond with* Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn Alleluia

Stand

Refrain Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Have salt in yourselves
and be at peace with one another. *Refrain*

The Gospel *All stand for the Gospel*

Deacon The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (9 : 38 – 50)

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."

At the end of the Gospel, the Deacon says

Deacon The Gospel of Christ

All **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Refrain **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

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Sermon

The Rev. Helen Dunn

Sit

Silence for Reflection

Hymn Heal us, O God

Heal us, O God, bring peace to our hearts
Give us the balm we need.
Heal us, Creator, be for us strength
Strength to admit and strength to forgive
Justice and truth move deep in our midst
Deep in our hearts to stay.

Free us, O God, sow love in our hearts
Give us the eyes to see.
We are all bound, all one family
Set right the wrongs that follow us still.
Justice and truth cleave deep in our hearts.
Deep in our lives to stay.

Help us, O God, to rise above strife.
Give us the hearts to feel.
Help us renew our faith in the world.
Each of us does our part hand in hand.
Justice and truth must move in our midst.
Heal all our broken parts.

Lyrics: Lynley Lewis / Music: Dakota hymn; adapt. Joseph R Renville (1779 – 1846); perc. arr. Brian Barlow (1952 -) CP 407

Affirmation of faith – Hear O Israel

Stand

Cantor Hear O Israel, God is one.

People **Love the Lord your God with all your heart,
all your soul, all your mind, all your strength** *(Repeat verse 3x)*

Cantor Hear O Israel, God is love.

People **Love your neighbour as you love yourself.** *(Repeat 3x)*

Cantor Hear O Israel, this is God's way.

Music composed by The Rev. David Taylor – used with permission

Prayers of the Community Ian Thomas *(prepared by David Smith)*

Stand, Sit, or Kneel

Confession and Absolution

All creation invites us to join our voices in praise to God.
Trusting in God's mercy and grace,
let us confess our sin to God and to one another.

Presider Generous God,

All you created us and placed us here to care for all of creation.
Forgive us for turning away from you and for neglecting the earth.
Raise us up and make us again stewards of your creation
that we may see your presence in all that surrounds us;
through Christ we pray. Amen.

Presider 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.

The Peace

Stand

Presider The Peace of God be always with you.

All And also with you.

Please nod or bow to one another.

The offering plates are located at the entrance to the sanctuary for your convenience.

Offertory hymn **Whatsoever you do to the least of my people**

Refrain *Whatsoever you do to the least of my people,
that you do unto me!*

When I was hungry you gave me to eat;
when I was thirsty you gave me to drink.
Now enter into the home of your Father.

When I was tired you helped me find rest;
when I was worried you calmed all my fears.
Now enter into the home of your Mother.

When I was lonely, to me you did speak;
when I was troubled you listened to me.
Now enter into the home of your Father.

When I was homeless you opened the door;
when I was naked you gave me your coat.
Now enter into the home of your Mother.

When I was laughed at, you stood by my side;
when I was happy, you shared my joy.
Now enter into the home of your Father. *Refrain*

Words & Music: Fr. Willard Francis Jabusch (1930 – 2018)

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Stand

Presider Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, so that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

All **Amen.** *Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006) alt.*

If you know the brokenness of life, its fractures within and its division without, then you have participated in the broken body of Christ and you are invited to share in the breaking of bread.

Presider The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Presider Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; You are the source of light and life for all your creation, you made us in your own image, and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices to proclaim the glory of your name

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

Presider We give thanks to you, Lord our God, for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation; in calling Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

All **we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Presider and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the

head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

People Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Presider Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us, in the language closest to your heart,

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

Presider "I am the bread which has come down from heaven," says the Lord.

People **Give us this bread for ever.**

Presider "I am the vine, you are the branches."

People **May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.**

The Communion

Presider The gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

(Covid precaution - Communion is offered in bread only. Please maintain 2 metres between as you come forward. Take the wafer back to the pew before consuming)

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.

During Communion Before I take the body of my Lord

Sit

Before I take the body of my Lord,
before I share his life in bread and wine,
I recognise the sorry things within – these I lay down.

The words of hope I often failed to give,
the prayers of kindness buried in my pride,
the signs of care I argued out of sight – these I lay down.

The narrowness of vision and of mind,
the need for other folk to serve my will,
and every word of silence meant to hurt – these I lay down.

Of those around in whom I meet my Lord,
I ask their pardon and I grant them mine
that every contradiction to Christ's peace might be laid down.

Lord Jesus Christ, companion at this feast,
I empty now my heart and stretch my hands,
and ask to meet you here in bread and wine – which you lay down.

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Tallis Canon

Behold your healing presence, Lord, in bread and wine you grant us grace.
A benediction we receive with open hands, here in this place.

Text: Lynley Lewis; / Music: Tallis Canon

Prayer after Communion

stand

Presider

All your works praise you, O Lord.

All

and your faithful servants bless you.

**Gracious God, we thank you for feeding us with
the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.**

**May we, who share his body, live his risen life;
we, who drink his cup, bring life to others;
we, whom the Spirit lights, give light to the world.**

**Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so that we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Sending

Blessing

Community Announcements

Sit

Closing Hymn You are salt for the earth

stand

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!*

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! *Ref*

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! *Ref*

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

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Deacon Let us bless the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God!**

Pastoral Care

Pastoral concerns may be referred to the Rev. Helen Dunn at 236-888-4938.
Please let the clergy know if you or a family member is in hospital.

Scripture Readings for next Sunday

Job 1 : 1; ch. 2 : 1 - 10 / Psalm 26 / Hebrews 1 : 1 – 4; ch. 2 : 5 - 12 / Mark 10 : 2 – 16

Name tags – after the service, please remove from around your neck, wind the string around two fingers and tuck it into the plastic pocket before placing it in the box.

Romeo, O Romeo wherefore art thou?

You'll find the Romeo's on Friday mornings at Cora's Restaurant at 7.45am for Breakfast & Bible Study. cnr of Marine Drive & Fell Street.

(Romeo = Retired Old Men Eating Out)

Tea & Coffee Fellowship following the service

Thank you to Lynne & Gordon Graham for hosting today's fellowship. If you would like to take a turn at hosting, please email Yvonne at office@stclementschurch.ca or call 604-988-4418.

Hello all St. Clement's Parents and Children,
St. Clement's continues to cherish members of all ages including children. We are planning a careful "restart" of our Children's Ministry while we gauge how families feel about a return to more typical church school. For at least the rest of September - maybe longer depending on what parents and children prefer - we will provide children with activity bags to take back to their pews or another designated area upstairs to work/play with during the service. Children can take any colouring or activities completed with them at the end of the service but will be asked to leave the activity bag and other contents (e.g. toys, craft supplies, crayons etc.) behind to be reused in future weeks. Anyone who has questions/thoughts about or would like to help with the Children's Ministry at St. Clement's is encouraged to contact Helen or Delayne.

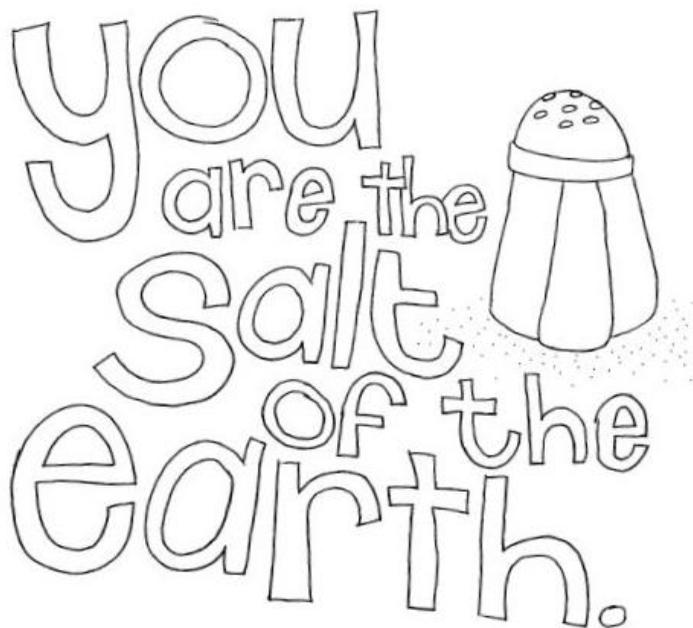
Covid-19 notes – still required

Masks mandatory / Sanitize hands as you enter and exit the church / distancing according to preference.

Please refrain from 'chatty gathering' in the church – rather be outside.



Thank you to everyone who helped yesterday with digging up the Morning Glory and other creepers found in the north-side garden; also to those who provided refreshments.



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Prayers *The following are for your prayers this week*

In our own Diocese: Pray for John, our Bishop; for Stephen, Archdeacon; and Patrick, Regional Dean; for the North Vancouver Regional Ministry Team and churches. For the parishes of St Michael, Surrey; and St Michael, Vancouver. For Linda, our Primate; Lynne, Archbishop and Metropolitan; for Mark, the National Indigenous Archbishop.

For the wider Church: For the peace of Jerusalem and The Middle East. For the Episcopal Church. We pray for the clergy and people in the Episcopal Diocese of Northern Philippines, specifically for our partner Parish of St Clement of Alexandria, Payeo, in their ministry and mission. For all Pastors/Priests and congregations of other denominations in Lynn Valley.

In our Parish community: for Helen, our priest; Elizabeth and Peggy, our Deacons; for the Wardens, Deborah, and Philip. For the staff: Lynley and Yvonne; and Lay Leaders: Sandra, Paul, and Robin. For the Youth and Children's ministries – leader/teachers, children, teens.

In our parish cycle of prayer: for Sean, Lynda, Aidan, Jacqueline and Lily Faivre-Duboz; Marie-Claire Concannon, Dominic, Ella and Beth Flanagan; Stephanie, Oscar and Noa Geoffrion; and their families.

For healing: Pray for Beth Bailey; Rob Bloye; Betty Downing; Brita; Caitlin; Christina; Marion Edwards; Fiona; Colleen and Matt Foster; Michael Jeffries; Lachlan Keir; Lynda Mills; Carol Norwood; Judy; Vanessa; Maryam Zamani; for their families and carers.

For Outreach: for the residents of the Princess Rooms; for all newcomers to Canada: for Saber and his family; Al-Azaizeh (at UBC); Honada, Said and family; Bukhari; Neema Grace, (at Laurentian University); Malis (*pronounced Ma-lees*) & his family; for Fatemeh, Nasrullah, and the successful sponsoring of Nazrin & family; For the community groups which use our building.

Pray for the people of Afghanistan, especially those who are vulnerable and at risk under the Taliban regime, for all Christians, women and children.

Pray for all people dealing with the aftermath of floods, earthquakes, and fires.