

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

26 DECEMBER 2021



8 AM & 10 AM EUCHARIST
IN-PERSON & ZOOM



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

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The First Sunday after Christmas - 26 December 2021

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

Celebrant In this time and place, we gather on the unceded ancestral lands of the Musqueam, Squamish and Tsleil-Waututh Nations.

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

Celebrant In this time and place, We give thanks for the light of God that shines in the darkness.

All A light no darkness can quench.

Celebrant In this time and place, We give thanks for the light and peace of Jesus Christ the Word made flesh.

All The light of all people.

Celebrant In this time and place, We pray that the Spirit of God will be renewed in our hearts and minds.

All That we might be the light of God in the world.

Celebrant 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.

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

Please rise as you are able

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.

Celebrant Glory to God in the highest,
All and peace to his 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.

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant Almighty God,
All you have shed upon us the new light.
Of your incarnate Word.
May this light, enkindled in our hearts,
Shine forth in our lives;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with you,
In the unity of the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated

The Proclamation of the Word

1st Reading 1 Samuel 2 :18-20, 26

Reader A reading from the First Book of Samuel

David Abbott

Samuel was ministering before the Lord, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the Lord repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the Lord"; and then they would return to their home. Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favour with the Lord and with the people.

Reader Hear what the spirit is saying to the church.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 148

¹ Hallelujah!
Praise the Lord ¹from the heavens; *
 praise God ¹in the heights.
² Praise the Lord ¹all you angels; *
 sing praises, all you heav-¹enly host.
³ Praise the Lord, ¹sun and moon; *
 sing praises, all you ¹shining stars.
⁴ Praise the Lord, heav-¹en of heavens, *
 sing praises, you waters a-¹bove the heavens.
⁵ Let them praise the name ¹of the Lord; *
 who gave the command and they ¹were created,
⁶ who made them stand fast for ev-¹er and ever, *
 who gave them a law which shall not ¹pass away.
⁷ Praise the Lord ¹from the earth, *
 you sea-monsters ¹and all deeps;
⁸ fire and hail, ¹snow and fog, *
 tempestuous wind, do-¹ing God's will;
⁹ mountains ¹and all hills, *
 fruit trees ¹and all cedars;
¹⁰ wild beasts ¹and all cattle, *
 creeping things and ¹wingèd birds;
¹¹ sovereigns of the earth ¹and all peoples, *
 princes and all rulers ¹of the world;
¹² young men ¹and young women, *
 old and ¹young together.

2nd Reading
Reader

Colossians 3:12-17
A reading from The Letter of Paul to the Colossians

Tony Hodgson

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader
All

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

Please rise as you are able

Gospel
Reading

Luke 2:41-52

Reader
All

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Reader
All

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.

Reader
All

The Gospel of Christ.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please rise as you are able

Nicene Creed

Celebrant

All

Let us confess our faith, as we say,
**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People
Please stand, sit or kneel as is your custom for prayer

Liz Hodgson

Confession and Absolution

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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

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

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Holy God,
In this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant
Help us, through our offering this day,
To renounce all things that draw us from your love.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Holy God, Lover of creation,
 we give you thanks and praise
 for in the ocean of your steadfast love you bear us
 and place the song of your Spirit in our hearts.

When we turn from your love and defile the earth,
 you do not abandon us.
 Your Spirit speaks through Huldah and Micah,
 through prophets, sages, and saints in every age,
 to confront our sin
 and reveal the vision of your new creation.

All Joining in the song of the universe
 we proclaim your glory saying (singing):
**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

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**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.**

Please be seated

Celebrant Gracious God,
 in the fullness of time you sent Jesus the Christ
 to share our fragile humanity.
 Through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection
 you open the path from brokenness to health,
 from fear to trust, from pride and conceit
 to reverence for you.

Rejected by a world
that could not bear the Gospel of life,
Jesus knew death was near.
His head anointed for burial
by an unknown woman,
Jesus gathered together those who loved him.
He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it
and gave it to his friends,
saying, "Take and eat:
this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine,
gave you thanks,
and said "Drink this all of you,
this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."
And now we gather at this table
in response to his commandment,
to share the bread and cup of Christ's undying love,
and to proclaim our faith.

All

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

Celebrant

Breathe your Holy Spirit,
the wisdom of the universe,
upon these gifts that we bring to you:
this bread, this cup,
ourselves, our souls and bodies,
that we may be signs of your love for all the world
and ministers of your transforming purpose.
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours, Creator of all,
and we bless your holy name for ever.

People

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**

Spiritual Communion

We pray this prayer for spiritual communion with those who worship with us via Zoom, and are unable to share the sacrament with us.

Let us pray **In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. I remember your death, Lord Christ; I proclaim your resurrection; I await your coming in glory. Since I cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.**

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.

Sending Out of the Disciples

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Gracious God,
**Whose power, working in us,
Can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation,
In Church and in Christ Jesus,
For ever and ever. Amen.**

Doxology

Celebrant Glory to God,
All **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

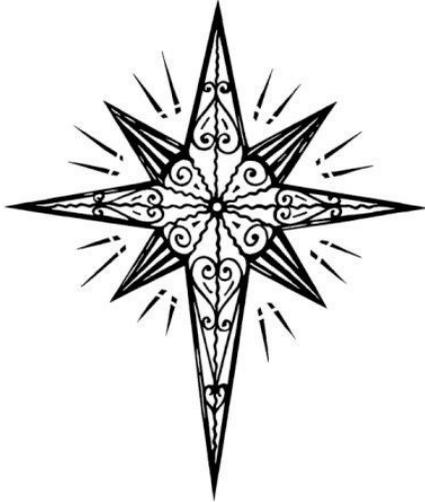
Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace and love to serve God.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude







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.

We acknowledge that we gather on the traditional, ancestral, and unceded land of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh nations. 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

Whoever you are, you are welcome here.

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Dale Throness, baritone

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