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We welcome everyone worshipping with us today whether in person or online.*

The Gathering of the Community

Words of Welcome and Acknowledgment

We begin by acknowledging that we live, work, play, and worship on the traditional and unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples including the Katzee, Tsawwassen, Semiahmoo and Kwantlen Nations. May our words and our actions reflect our awareness and appreciation of this.

Processional Hymn – CP#430 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Greeting

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

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God,
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.

Hymn of Praise – CP# 341 God of Mercy, God of Grace

The Collect

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people,
that richly bearing the fruit of good works,
we may by you be richly rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading – Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem:

Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 139: 1-5, 12-17

1 Lord, you have searched me out and known me;
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

4 You press upon me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

12 For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

13 I will thank you because I am marvellously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

14 My body was not hidden from you,
while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book;
they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.

16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
how great is the sum of them!

17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Glory to God, Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen

Second Reading – Philemon: 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus
our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of
your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the
sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that
we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from
your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my
brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your
duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love - and I, Paul, do this as
an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for
my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment.

Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to
me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you.

I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother - especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do more than I say.

Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn –CP 585 Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

The Gospel – Luke 14: 25-33

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Now large crowds were travelling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple.

Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily: *The Rev'd Philippa Segrave-Pride*

The Apostles' Creed

Let us confess the faith of our baptism, as we say,

**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

Confession and Absolution

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.

Silence is kept.

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.**

The Peace

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

The Celebration of the Eucharist

Offertory Hymn – CP#386 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Prayer over the Gifts

Great and holy God,
accept our offering of labour and love.
May we bring you true and spiritual worship
and be one with you.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer 2

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.

He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.

He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection
he brings us into the light of your presence.
Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy and gracious God,
accept our praise,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you."
In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.
Gather into one
all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you
and give you glory
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
let us pray as our Redeemer has taught us.

**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

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

**We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

The Communion

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God

Please proceed to the altar for communion as directed, we ask that you sanitise your hands before receiving Communion.

Prayer after Communion

Father,

your word and sacrament give us food and life.

May we who have shared in holy things

bear fruit to your honour and glory,

in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen

The Doxology

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.

Notices

The Blessing with Birthday & Anniversary Candles

May the blessing of God be upon you

The blessing of the Father and the Son,

And may the Spirit of God the Spirit of Love (Peace on 2nd X)

Be with you all your Days.

The Blessing

The peace of God
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God
and of our Lord Jesus Christ.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be with you now, and always. **Amen**

Sending Hymn – CP#506 Lord of All Hopefulness

Dismissal

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

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Notices and Prayer List for the week beginning 4th September, 2022

To assist the office, please ensure that any items for the Notices are received

before Noon on Thursday.

The flowers at the altar this morning are given for the glory of God in memory of Richard Stinson, a wonderful husband, father and grandfather from the Stinson and Alam families. We also give thanks to the Season of Creation and a renewed commitment to a healthy relationship with the Earth.

We pray for the whole Anglican Church of Canada – we pray especially for our primate, Archbishop Linda Nichols. We pray also for the theological colleges and training programs within the Ecclesiastical Province of Rupert's Land: Arthur Turner Training School, the Centre for Christian Studies, the College of Emmanuel and St. Chad, Henry Budd College for Ministry, Saint John's College, Dr. William Winter School for Ministry, James Settee College for Ministry.

Anglican Communion – we pray for the Church of the Anglican Church of Australia.

In our Diocesan Cycle - we pray for our Bishop, the Rt. Rev'd John Stephens. We also pray for: St. Hildegard's Sanctuary – the Rev'd Melanie Calabrigo; the Deanery of Golden Ears - the Rev'd Laurel Dahill, Regional Dean.

We pray for our companion diocese of Northern Philippines. We pray for our own twinned parish of Holy Apostles, Abatan, and their priest, Father Joey Napat-a. In addition to remembering our Companion Parish in your Prayers, also remember bishop-elect Benny Langakan, who will be ordained on Holy Cross Day (September 14).

In all these prayers for the church near and far, we pray for the people and clergy and for the ministries flowing from these places into the communities.

In our Parish Cycle we pray for: Waye & Heather Herd, Joan Hnedish and Lavina Howard. We pray for their work, ministry, and families here and away.

Notices

SAM AND ANGELITA'S 65TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Our St. Helen's family will join with the Sotana family to celebrate the event. On **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2022 at 3:30pm**, we start with a Service of Celebration, followed by entertainment and dinner in the Church Hall. For this event PLEASE make sure that you register by emailing ticketsatsthelens@gmail.com. **Deadline to RSVP is Monday September 19th.**

Email registration is compulsory

St. Helen's parishioners are asked to bring EITHER A SALAD OR A DESSERT FOR NO MORE THAN 8 OR 10 PEOPLE, or may opt to share this contribution. The Sotanas are providing the main meal. There is no charge, but please RSVP by emailing the address above.

BALIKBAYAN (Care Package for the Philippines)

Thank you for all your donations for the care package, Fr Joey is very grateful for your generosity.

FOODBANK DONATIONS

Once again we will be receiving donations for the Surrey foodbank. Please leave your donations in the basket at the back of church. The following items have been requested.

***Canned protein (fish & meat), Canned fruit, Canned vegetables, Meal-in-a-Tin
Whole grain rice or legumes, Pasta & sauce, Healthy canned soup, Baby formula (Large Cans.***

Please make sure that items are unopened and have not expired. They also appreciate monetary donations via their website <https://www.surreyfoodbank.org/donate/>

BOTTLE DRIVE.

Kelly and Les Foulds would be happy to accept any clean, rinsed containers along with bottles and cans that you donate regularly on the last Sunday of each month.

PRAYER REQUESTS TO THE PRAYER CIRCLE – please be in touch with Judy Nicholson who will receive and forward your prayer requests to the prayer circle. If you do not have her contact details, please send an email to the office email address and it will be passed on to her for distribution.

ALTAR FLOWERS – Please consider providing for the flowers placed on the Altar to the glory of God, in celebration, in thanksgiving, or in memory of loved ones. The cost is usually in the \$40 - \$50 range for both vases.

If you would like to make a donation of a lesser amount, we always appreciate any contributions!

Contact Heather Herd for details. You may make your donation by cheque made out to St. Helen's Anglican Church and send it in the mail or leave it in the offering plate on a Sunday or by Interac e-Transfer. The email address to transfer electronically is: giving2sthelen@gmail.com

This Week's Ministry Team

Officiant/Preacher– The Rev'd Philippa Segrave-Pride

Music – Matthew Ma

Crucifer/Server and Psalmist – Maureen Thompson

Prayers of the Community – John Palmer

Chalice assistants/Lay administrators – Janette Bulkan & Cathy Anderson

Readers – Aparna Chatterjea & Jacquie Stinson

Greeters – Heather & Wayne Herd

Livestream Tech – Zoltan Barabas/Simon Lee/Tom Beneteau

Altar Guild – Judy Glanville and Carol Young

Fellowship Servers – Wendy and Peter Russell

Next week's Ministry Team

Crucifer/Server and Psalmist – John Palmer

Prayers of the Community – Lynn Turner

Chalice assistants/Lay administrators – Vee & Edward Villar

Readers – Cynthia Richards and Matthew Ma

Greeters – Glenda Colquhoun & Pat Nociar

Altar Guild – Lynn Turner and Jane Denton

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