

October 30th, 2022 – Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist

This service is Livestreamed via Facebook and the Parish website.

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#486 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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#349 All People That on Earth Do Dwell

The Collect

Almighty God,
whose chosen servant Abraham obeyed your call,
rejoicing in your promise
that in him the family of the earth is blessed,
give us faith like his,
that in us your promises may be fulfilled;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading – Habakkuk 1: 1-4, 2:1-4

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you "Violence!" and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrongdoing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous - therefore judgement comes forth perverted.

I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely

come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God

Psalm 119: 137-144

137 You are righteous, O Lord, and upright are your judgements.

138 You have issued your decrees with justice and in perfect faithfulness.

139 My indignation has consumed me, because my enemies forget your words.

140 Your word has been tested to the uttermost, and your servant holds it dear.

141 I am small and of little account, yet I do not forget your commandments.

142 Your justice is an everlasting justice and your law is the truth.

143 Trouble and distress have come upon me, yet your commandments are my delight.

144 The righteousness of your decrees is everlasting; grant me understanding, that I may live.

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 – 2 Thessalonians 1: 1-4, 11-12

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

To the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

We must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters, as is right, because your faith is growing abundantly, and the love of everyone of you for one another is increasing. Therefore we ourselves boast of you among the churches of God for your steadfastness and faith during all your persecutions and the afflictions that you are enduring. To this end we always pray for you, asking that our God will make you worthy of his call and will fulfil by his power every good resolve and work of faith, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you, and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn -CP#435 Take My Life, and Let It Be

The Gospel – Luke 19: 1-10

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.

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through it. A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich.

He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much."

Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost." The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon: The Rev'd Mark Munn

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#620 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

Prayer over the Gifts

God of freedom,

accept all we offer you this day.

May we embrace the law of your service and know the glorious liberty of the children of God.

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

Heavenly Father,
bring to perfection within us
the communion we share in this sacrament.
May the unity we know this day
live in our community and family.
This we pray 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.

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#598 Go to the World

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 30th October, 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.

We pray for the whole Anglican Church of Canada – we pray especially for our primate, Archbishop Linda Nichols. We pray also for the Rt. Rev'd Leslie Wheeler-Dame, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Yukon.

Anglican Communion – we pray for the Iglesia Anglicana de Chile.

In our Diocesan Cycle - we pray for our Bishop, the Rt. Rev'd John Stephens. We also pray for: St. Catherine, North Vancouver, the Rev'd Sharon Smith; St. Hilda, Sechelt - the Rev'd Stephen Black.

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 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: Anton & Gayani Nelson, Judy Nicholson and Pat Nociar. We pray for their work, ministry, and families here and away.

Notices

WELCOME

A big welcome to the Rev'd Mark Munn to become the Interim Priest in charge at St. Helen's.

THANK YOU

Philippa would like to say a huge thank you for the cards, gifts and kind words she has received leading up to her last days in the parish.

WOMEN'S RETREAT

The Diocesan ACW is hosting a Retreat to Explore & Experience Christian Celtic Spirituality at Loon Lake Lodge & Retreat Centre, Maple Ridge, from Friday, November 25 (3 pm) to Sunday, November 27 (1 pm). Attendees will explore what Christian Celtic Spirituality is about, engage in ways to be refreshed, be oriented to the goodness of all of Creation, gather for Morning Prayer overlooking the lake, and build a Celtic Cross in nature. The presenters are Rev'd Lorie Martin, Rev'd David Taylor and Katherine Murray from the Centre for Spiritual Renewal. Registration includes 5 meals; double occupancy \$445.00 per person; single occupancy \$525.00 Limited. Maximum 30 persons.

Register at this link: https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/5676769. All interested women seeking spiritual refreshing through singing, Christian practices and activities are welcome.

BOTTLE DRIVE

A big thank you from Kelly and Les Foulds to everyone for the continued support of the bottle drive. Please be reminded that Kelly and Les would be happy to accept any clean, rinsed milk containers including almond, oat and soy along with bottles and cans that you donate on the last Sunday of the month in clear plastic bags, if possible.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3rd

- Doors Open at 11:00 am
- Raffle Draw at 2:30 pm
- Doors Close at 3:00 pm

St. Helen's will hold our annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, December 3rd. Let's all pitch in to make this an unforgettable Bazaar. We'll volunteer, donate, and gather our Church (and wider) communities to come together and raise funds for St. Helen's.

PANTRY and BAKING: Make and bring your favourite cookies, cakes and loafs. We put them on tables and watch the visitors 'gobble' them up. And oh yes, we'd also like items for the pantry, such as jams, pickles, chutneys, cookies, etc.

DONATIONS to SELL: Start gathering you previously loved jewelry and Christmas items and decor, that can be purchased by visitors and 're-gifted,' or simply enjoyed anew.

BOOKS: John Palmer will be running his 'mini book fair.' Do you have books to donate? Please check with John to see if he could use some additions to the offering.

TEA ROOM: We need members to donate ingredients (or a bit of cash), and then if the spirit lifts you, bake shortbread, Christmas Cakes, or any other sweet edibles that come to mind. Please let Zoltán know what you have in mind.

DELIVERING ALL YOUR KIND OFFERINGS ... All Donations and Foodstuffs should be dropped off on Friday, December 1st between 3:00 pm and 8:00 pm.

RAFFLE: Judy Nicholson will coordinate the Raffle. Tickets will be available starting Sunday, November 6th. Grab a bunch of ticket books, and sell them to everyone you love, at home and at work. The prizes include tickets to a Canucks game, an impressive cash prize, and a gourmet food hamper.

GETTING THE WORD OUT: This year we'll be embarking on a major advertising blitz. And in addition to our publicity efforts, we'll also need everyone's help putting up Posters & Flyers where you can, and distributing Handouts to your network.

PARTICIPATING: Not sure of how you can help? A bit shy? Please contact Zoltán and he'll find you something to do, commensurate with your availability and resources.

Zoltán Barabás, Christmas Bazaar Convener 604 715 5723 mobile zoltanbarabas@me.com

<u>PRAYER REQUESTS TO THE PRAYER CIRCLE</u> – 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.

<u>ALTAR FLOWERS</u> – 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 Mark Munn

Music - Matthew Ma

Crucifer/Server and Psalmist – Maureen Thompson

Prayers of the Community – John Palmer

Chalice assistants/Lay administrators – Angelita Sotana and Cathy Anderson

Readers - Mareen and Roshan Mathew

Greeters - Cynthia and Anil Richards

Livestream Tech – Zoltan Barabas/Simon Lee/Tom Beneteau

Altar Guild - Judy Glanville and Carol Young

Fellowship Servers – John Palmer and helpers

Next week's Ministry Team

Crucifer/Server and Psalmist – Kelly Foulds Prayers of the Community – Lynn Turner

Chalice assistants/Lay administrators – Mareen and Roshan Mathew

Readers – Cynthia Richards and Lynn Turner

Greeters – Glenda Colquhoun and Judy Nicholson

Altar Guild - Lynn Turner and Jane Denton

Fellowship Servers – Wendy and Peter Russell?

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