



Saint Helen's  
Anglican Church

May 14th, 2023, Sixth Sunday of Easter  
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 give thanks 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 – # 506 Lord of all Hopefulness

#### The Greeting

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

May his grace and peace be with you.

**May he fill our hearts with joy.**

#### 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.**

### Children's focus

#### **Glory to God - SNP #176**

Glory to God in the highest, 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**

### **The Collect**

Merciful God,  
**you have prepared for those who love you  
riches beyond imagination.**  
**Pour into our hearts such love toward you,  
that we, loving you above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.**

### **The Proclamation of the Word**

#### **First Reading** – Acts of the Apostles 17:22-31

When Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he

is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.” Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

Listen to what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**Thanks be to God**

### **PSALM 66: 7-18**

Be joyful in God, all you lands.

Bless our God, you peoples; make the voice of his praise to be heard.

**Who holds our souls in life and will not allow our feet to slip.**

For you, O God, have proved us; you have tried us just as silver is tried.

You brought us into the snare; you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

**You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through fire and water;  
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.**

I will enter your house with burnt offerings and will pay you my vows, which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth when I was in trouble.

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke of rams; I will give you oxen and goats.

**Come and listen, all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he has done for me.**

I called out to him with my mouth, and his praise was on my tongue. If I had found evil in my heart, the Lord would not have heard me;

But in truth God has heard me; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

**Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, nor withheld his love from me**

## **Second Reading – 1Peter 3 : 13-22**

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

**Thanks be to God**

## **Gradual Hymn Hymn # 397 Wind upon the Waters**

**The Gospel** – John 14: 15-21

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.**

‘If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Homily:**

*The Reverend Robin Ruder Celiz*

**The Apostles' Creed:**

Let us confess the faith of our baptism as we sing:

**CP #44 I Believe in God Almighty**

**Prayers of the People**

**The Peace**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## **The Celebration of the Eucharist**

**Offertory Hymn # 529 God my hope on you is Founded.**

**Prayer over the Gifts**

God of glory,

**accept all we offer you this day,**

**and bring us to that eternal city of love and light,**

**where Christ is King.**

**We ask this in his name.**

**Amen**

## **The Great Thanksgiving**

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.**

It is indeed right that we should praise you,  
gracious God,  
for you created all things.  
You formed us in your own image:  
human you created us.  
When we turned away from you in sin,  
you did not cease to care for us,  
but opened a path of salvation for all people.  
You made a covenant with Israel,  
and through your servants Abraham and Sarah  
gave the promise of a blessing to all nations.  
Through Moses you led your people  
from bondage into freedom;

through the prophets  
you renewed your promise of salvation.  
Therefore, with them, and with all your saints  
who have served you in every age,  
we give thanks and raise our voices  
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**All 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 God, source of life and goodness,  
all creation rightly gives you praise.  
In the fullness of time,  
you sent your Son Jesus Christ,  
to share our human nature,  
to live and die as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.  
He healed the sick  
and ate and drank with outcasts and sinners;  
he opened the eyes of the blind  
and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom  
to the poor and to those in need.  
In all things he fulfilled your gracious will.

On the night he freely gave himself to death,  
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."

Gracious God, his perfect sacrifice  
destroys the power of sin and death;  
by raising him to life  
you give us life for evermore.  
Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Recalling his death, proclaiming his resurrection,  
and looking for his coming again in glory,  
we offer you, Father, this bread and this cup.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these gifts,  
that all who eat and drink at this table  
may be one body and one holy people,  
a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory is yours, almighty Father,  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Rejoicing in God's New Creation, as our Saviour taught, so we pray.

**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**

Alleluia! Christ Our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

### **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,  
**you restored us to life  
by raising your Son from death.  
May we who receive this sacrament  
always be strengthened to do your will,  
in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen Lord.**

### **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.**

## **Community Announcements**

### **The Blessing**

May the Lord Jesus who serves with wounded hands,  
teach you to serve others.

May the Lord Jesus, who walks on wounded feet,  
walk with you to the end of your road.

May the Lord Jesus who serves with a wounded heart, be your love forever.  
Whenever you go out, may you see the face of Jesus in everyone you meet,  
and may everyone see the face of Jesus in you.

And the Blessing of the God of Hope,  
the God of Compassion and the God of Life be with you,  
and those you care for, this day and always. **Amen**

### **Sending Hymn – # 460 Lord the light of your love is shining**

### **Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Risen Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

### **Notices and Prayer List for the week beginning 14 May 2023**

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. The Rt. Rev. Michael Oulton, Bishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Ontario and the Assistant to the Bishop and the staff of the Saskatchewan Synod.

## **Anglican Communion**

**In our Diocesan Cycle** - we pray for our Bishop, the Rt. Rev'd John Stephens. We pray for St. Dunstan, Aldergrove – The Revd David Taylor, The Revd Helen Tervo The Deanery of Peace Arch - The Revd Stephen Rowe, Regional Dean ,Holy Spirit Anglican Church, Whonnock – The Revd Miranda Sutherland

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:** Bill and Terri Schwartz. We pray for their work, ministry, and families here and away.

## **Notices**

**LUNCH BUNCH** – Everyone is invited to join us for lunch and fellowship on Thursday, May 25, at 11:30am, in the Upper Hall. The cost of \$6.00. Please let Joan Hnedish or Glenda Colquhoun know if you are coming so we can prepare enough food. Your friends and family are most welcome.

**Parish Directory Update** -The time has come to update our parish directory. We continue to see new people and others returning to church over the past year. An online version of the form will be available soon on the website. While parts of the form are optional, we really encourage the whole form to be completed as this is very helpful in facilitating a better understanding of our parish demographics and how best we can serve the congregation and wider community. All information collected will be used for parish and diocesan use only. If you have any questions about the form, please feel free to contact one of the wardens or Fr. Robin.

**Pentecost Sunday** -Pentecost Sunday is coming up. Fr. Robin is looking for a couple of people who would be willing to read part of the Acts lesson in a language other than

English. Please let Jennifer in the parish office know if you are willing to do so. The congregation is welcome to wear something red.

**May 20 Garden & Cemetery Cleaning:** 9:30 am-2pm -Calling one and all to help with the annual garden and cemetery cleaning. Bring yourself and a friend to help get our outside space ready for Spring and Summer. Contact Jane Denton for more details.

**June 3 Garage Sale** -This is a great opportunity to create additional space in our homes while at the same time, raise some funds for the ministry of St. Helen's. It's a win win! There will be tables with miscellaneous household items, furniture, other odds and ends and food! There is no storage at the church or hall. Please bring your items for the sale between 6 & 7 Pm Friday June 2 .

**Parish Council** – Parish Council meets this Tuesday May 16, at 7:00 pm in the Hall.

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If you would like to contact Robin, his details are as follows:

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## **This Week's Ministry Team**

**Officiant/Preacher**– The Rev'd Robin Ruder Celiz

**Music** – Matthew Ma

**Crucifer/Servers/Psalmist** – Maureen Thompson

**Prayers of the Community** – Lynn Turner

**Readers** – John Palmer and Roshan Mathew

**Lay Administration** – Kelly Foulds & John Palmer

**Greeters** – Cynthia and Anil Richards

**Livestream Tech** – Zoltan Barabas/Simon Lee/Tom Beneteau

**Altar Guild** – Judy Glanville and Carol Young

**Fellowship Servers** – Ann Nelitz, Maxime Hryhoriw , Cathy Anderson and Alex Mason

### **Next week's Ministry Team**

**Crucifer/Server and Psalmist** – Alex Mason

**Prayers of the Community** – Cathy Anderson

**Readers** Cynthia Richards and Sara Vinu

**Lay Administration** – Mareen and Roshan Mathew

**Greeters** –Sarah Vinu and Vinu Jacob

**Altar Guild** – Lynn Turner and Jane Denton

**Fellowship Servers** – the Lah family

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