



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 - CP # 1 Holy Holy Holy

## **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**

## The Collect of the Day

Father, we praise you:

through your Word and Holy Spirit, you created all things. You reveal your salvation in all the world by sending to us Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. Through your Holy Spirit

you give us a share in your life and love. Fill us with the vision of your glory, that we may always serve and praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen

## **The Proclamation of the Word**

# First Reading – Genesis 1: 1-2, 4A

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights - the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night - and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above

the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

Listen to what the spirit is saying to the church

Thanks be to God

### PSALM 8

O Lord our governor, how exalted is your name in all the world!

Out of the mouths of infants and children your majesty is praised above the heavens.

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, to quell the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

What is man that you should be mindful of him? the son of man that you should seek him out?

You have made him but little lower than the angels; you adorn him with glory and honour;

You give him mastery over the works of your hands; you put all things under his feet; All sheep and oxen, even the wild beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea. **O Lord our governor, how exalted is your name in all the world!** 

Glory to God, source of all Being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be for ever. Amen

### **Second Reading – Corinthians 13:11-13**

Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Put things in order, listen to my appeal, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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### **Gradual Hymn # 423 How Great Thou Art**

### The Gospel – Matthew 28:16-20

The Lord be with you. **And, also with you**.

The gospel according to Matthew Glory to you Jesus Christ

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

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**

## **Confession and Absolution**

Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness

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.

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 # 374 Alleluia Sing to Jesus

# **Prayer over the Gifts**

Living God, receive all we offer you this day.

Grant that hearing your word and responding to your Spirit, we may share in your divine life.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; we give you thanks and praise, because, in the mystery you disclose to us, you reveal your glory as the glory of your Son and the Holy Spirit: three persons equal in majesty, undivided in splendour, yet one Lord, one God, ever to be adored in your everlasting glory. Therefore with all the company of heaven 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.

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,

# We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection; we await his coming in glory;

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.

#### 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**

Almighty and eternal God, may we who have received this eucharist worship you in all we do, and proclaim the glory of your majesty.

#### We ask this 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.

### **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
And the spirit of Peace
Be with you all your Days.

### **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 – CP # 560 God Whose Almighty Word

## **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 4 June 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 by Craig and Paulette Smith in celebration of 50 years of worship and fellowship at St. Helen's.

We pray for the whole Anglican Church of Canada – we pray especially for our primate, Archbishop Linda Nichols. We also pray for The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria

**Anglican Communion** – we pray for the theological colleges and training programs within the Ecclesiastical Province of Ontario: Canterbury College, Huron University College, Renison College, the Anglican

Studies Program at Saint Paul University, Thorneloe University, Trinity College, Wycliffe College ELCIC Luther College at the University of Regina and Luther College – High School.

**In our Diocesan Cycle** - . we pray for St. Barnabas, New Westminster , The Revd Emilie Smith, The Revd Martha Cameron, The Revd Neil Seedhouse & the Deanery of Richmond, Delta - The Revd Paul Woehrle, 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 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:** Erwin Sotana, Filipinas & Lynda Hiebert. We pray for their work, ministry, and families here and away.

#### **Notices**

**Parish Directory Update** - We continue to see new people and others returning to church over the past year. To help facilitate this, all parishioners, current and new, are encouraged to complete the Registration Form enclosed in the bulletin. 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.

**Servers and Communion Assistant Training. Jun 18:** ( after church) This is an opportunity for all current and new servers and communion assistants to participate in a brief rehearsal and workshop to review our current practices. Anyone interested in becoming a server is also encouraged to attend. All are welcome.

**Information Session on Leading Intercessions**. **July 2** ( **after church**) This is an open invitation to anyone interested or curious about the Prayers of the People. We will discuss how to prepare and lead intercessions for the Sunday service. No prior experience needed. You already have everything you need for this ministry.

Annual Strawberry Tea June 24, from 1–3pm, in the Upper Hall. Everyone is invited to join us for an afternoon of fellowship and delicious dessert. Home Baking and previously loved Jewelry will also be available. If you can help in any way, please be in touch with Heather Herd. This year's RAFFLE prizes include a 1st prize of \$250.00 Cash, 2nd prize of China & assorted Teas Gift Basket and 3rd prize of an Outdoor Garden Basket. Tickets are 3 for \$5.00 or a book of 12 for \$20.00. Please see Judy Nicholson for books to purchase and sell to family and friends. Your support of this parish fun and fundraising event is most appreciated.



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To Schedule a visit or to check in use this link: <a href="https://calendly.com/sainthelensrector/visit-fr-robin">https://calendly.com/sainthelensrector/visit-fr-robin</a>

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### This Week's Ministry Team

Officiant/Preacher	. The Rev'd Robin Ruder Celiz			
Deacon	. Steve Thompson			
Music	. Matthew Ma			
Crucifer/Servers/Psalmist	. Kelly Foulds			
Prayers of the Community Lynn Turner				
Readers	. Aparna Chatterjea & Cathy Anderson			
Lay Administration	. Angelita Sotana and Judy Nicholson			
Greeters	. Patricia & Tom Beneteau			
Livestream Tech	. Zoltan Barabas/Simon Lee/Tom Beneteau			
Altar Guild	. Josie Frances, Heather Herd, & Kelly Foulds			
Fellowship Servers	. Jacob and Sarah Venu			

## Next week's Ministry Team

#### Anderson and Alex Mason

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