The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 13, 2023, 10:00 am

A Parish of the Anglican Diocese of New Westminster

The Right Reverend John Stephens, Bishop
The Reverend Lorne Manweiler, Rector & Regional Dean of Point Grey
Michael Murray, Director of Music & Organist

Welcome!

We're glad you're here!

We are happy and honoured that you've joined us this morning—whether in-person or online via Facebook and the parish website. If you need a place to take a break with your child, a nursery area is available. Washrooms are available on the main level of the church. Please ask a sidesperson or your neighbour if you have questions or need assistance. You're warmly invited to join us for refreshments in the Fireside Room following the service.

The Holy Eucharist

Book of Alternative Services, pp. 185 ff.

– The Gathering of the Community –

Prelude Te Deum in D major *Marc-Antoine Charpentier (1634 - 1704)*

Welcome

Processional Hymn CP 458 – "Seek Ye First"

Acknowledgement

Celebrant We begin by acknowledging that we live, work, play, and worship on the traditional and unceded territory of the Coast Salish peoples including the xʷməθkwəy̓əm (Musqueam), Sḵwx̱wú7mesh (Squamish) and Səl̓ílwətaʔ (Tsleil-Waututh) Nations.

All **May our words and our actions reflect our awareness and appreciation of this.**

A moment of silence for reflection is kept.

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

People **And also with you.**

Gloria in Excelsis CP 702 – "Glory to God"

Collect of the Day

Celebrant O God our defender, storms rage around and within us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your people from fear, and preserve us in the faith of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord.

All **Amen.**

– The Proclamation of the Word –

"Silencing the Wind"

In a world filled with noise and empty words, God comes to us as stillness and silence, even to the point that wind ceases (Matt. 14:32). Jesus walks over stormy waters to his disciples, entering their boat and being present with them despite their fears and doubts. Today's readings encourage us to keep our words spare and meaningful, lay aside our little faith with its wordy worries, and listen for God, who comes to us as quieting comfort.

The wind blows us powerfully, frighteningly, making even familiar places seem strange, stirring up the water to obscure our vision and make our journey fearful and slow. Today Jesus comes to us in our drowning panic, responding to our "Lord, save me" with a quick response. The little faith of Peter (and our little faith) is not only a chiding to "do better" in our faith lives and respond with discipline, but it offers forgiveness: even when we risk and screw up anyway, God's hand is there to reach out and catch us.

To command even the wind to be still is a powerful thing. If a very strong wind suddenly stopped near one of us, we would probably panic, wondering who did it, whether it was the calm eye of a storm, or whether a still bigger tornado is coming. There are giant turbines now that capture the wind to convert it to energy, but Jesus walked out upon the water and helped Peter in his fear to return to the boat's safety and security. Jesus gives powerful reassurance and the gift of presence. God is not distant from our fears, but close to keep us safe.

First Reading 1 Kings 19: 9-18 *read by Mary Lymburner*

On Mount Horeb, where God had appeared to Moses with typical signs of God's presence—earthquake, wind, and fire—Elijah now experienced God in "sheer silence." God assured Elijah that he is not the only faithful believer. Seven thousand Israelites are still loyal. God instructed Elijah to anoint two men as kings and to anoint Elisha as his own successor.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 85:8-13 BAS 819 *Read responsively by half-verse.*

Second Reading Romans 10:5-15 *read by John Dolman*

A right relationship with God is not something we achieve by heroic efforts. It is a gift received in the proclamation whose content is Jesus Christ. This proclaimed word creates our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Hence Christian proclamation is an indispensable component of God's saving actions.

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Sequence Hymn CP 564 – "Lead Us, Heavenly Father, Lead Us"

The Holy Gospel Matthew 14:22-33

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**
Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
All **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Matthew's gospel typically portrays Jesus' disciples as people of "little faith," who fail despite their best intentions. In this story, Matthew shows how Jesus comes to the disciples when they are in trouble and sustains them in their time of fear and doubt.

Celebrant The Gospel of Christ.
People **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon

The Apostles' Creed BAS 189

The Prayers of the Community *Conrad Guelke, Intercessor*

Confession and Absolution BAS 191

The Peace

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

The Preparation of the Gifts, Offering, & Offertory Hymn

CP 567 – "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

– The Celebration of the Eucharist –

Prayer over the Gifts

Celebrant Father,
People **receive all we offer you this day, and grant that in this eucharist we may be enriched by the gifts of the Spirit.**
Celebrant We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

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Celebrant The Lord be with you
All **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
Celebrant It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus *(all sing)*

Choir (Call)	**People** *(Response)*
Holy, Holy, Holy Lord:	**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,**
God of power and might:	**God of power and might.**
Heaven and earth are full:	**Heaven and earth are full**

are full of your glory:	**are full of your glory.** *(Repeat)*
Blessed is the one who comes:	**Blessed is the one who comes**
in the name of the Lord!	**in the name of the Lord!**
Hosanna in the highest!	**Hosanna in the highest!**
Hosanna in the highest!	**Hosanna in the highest!**

Celebrant Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension, we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us and upon this meal the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honour and glory, now and forever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

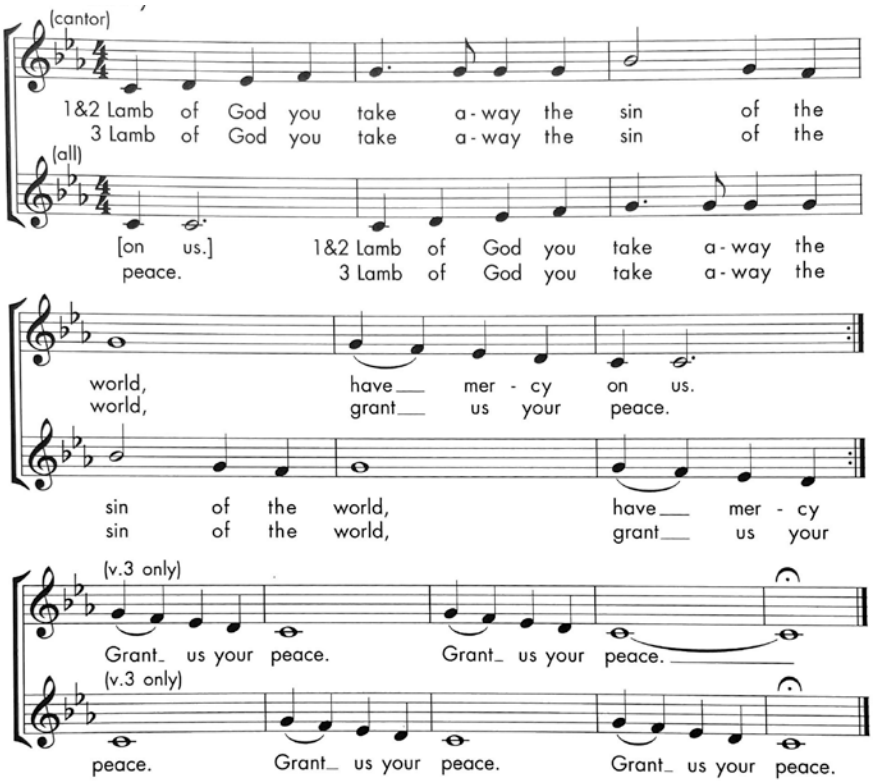
The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant All people are called to Christ's table.

All **Come, eat what is good.**

Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Agnus Dei

The Communion

CP 55– "When Jesus Died to Save Us"

Prayer after Communion

Celebrant Eternal God,

People **grant to your Church the unity and peace that we have tasted in this eucharist, the fruit of your life-giving Spirit.**

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

All **Amen.**

Parish Announcements *Given by the Churchwardens*

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.**

Benediction

Celebrant Go now and live in the righteousness that comes from faith.
Delight in seeking the Lord.
Recount what God has done
and proclaim the good news of Christ
so that all may hear and believe and be saved.

And may the power of the presence of God be with you.
May Christ's word be near you,
on your lips and in your heart.
And may the Holy Spirit give you courage
and calm all your fears.

All **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn CP 426 – "The Spacious Firmament on High"

Dismissal *The celebrant dismisses the people, saying,*

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Toccata in D major* *Johann Krieger (1651 - 1735)*

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